

Supporting Information

A Selective Approach to Pyridine Appended 1,2,3-Triazolium Salts

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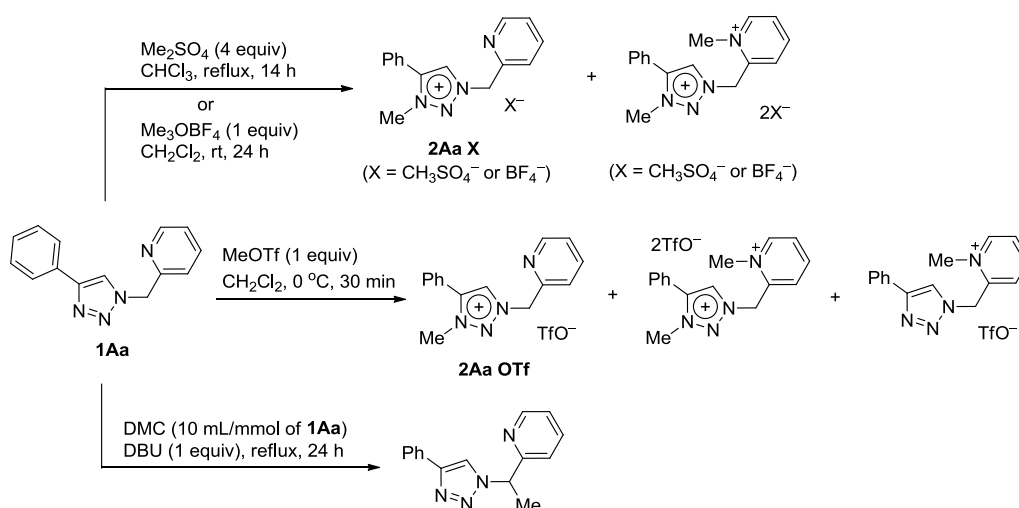
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Literature survey

Publications on 1,3,4-trisubstituted-1,2,3-triazolium salts used in the preparation of transition-metal–tzNHC complexes and their catalytic properties.¹

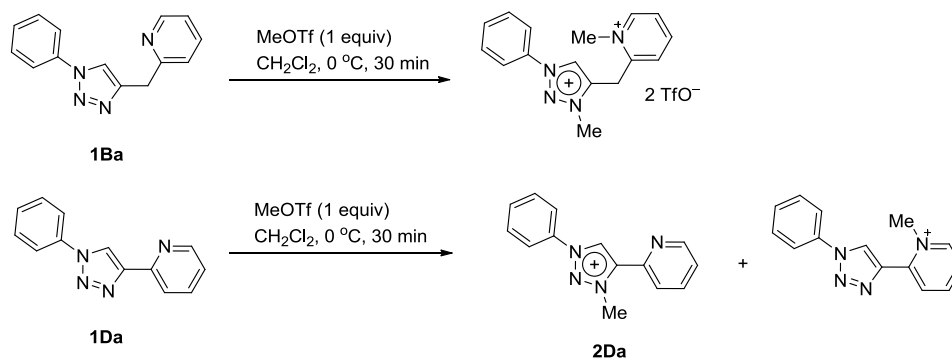
Schemes

Scheme S1. Reactivity of **1Aa** towards methylating reagents.

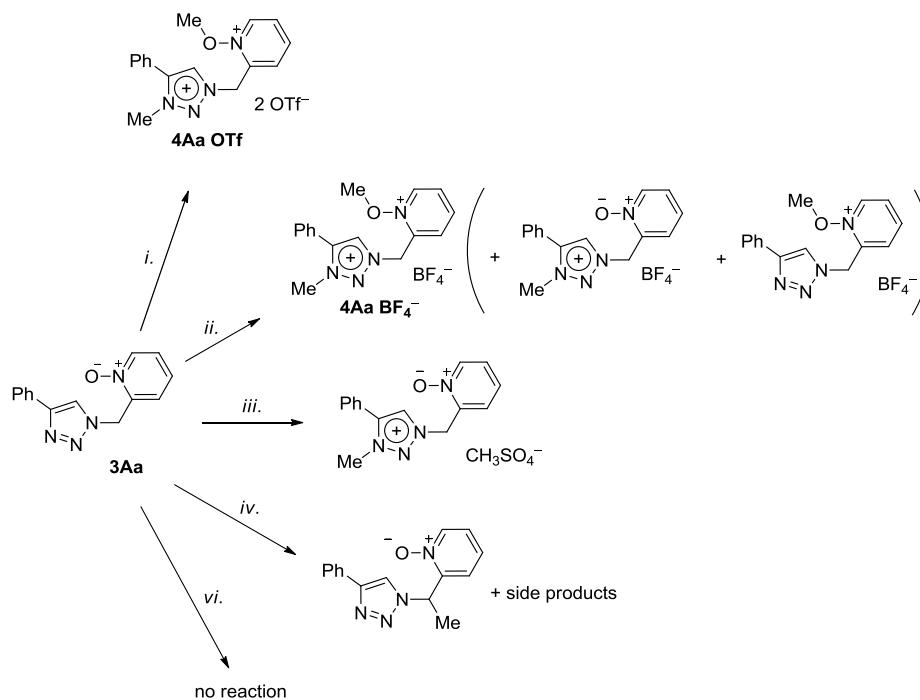


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Scheme S2. Reactivity of **1Ba** and **1Da** towards MeOTf.



Scheme S3. Reactivity of **3Aa** towards methylating reagents.



i.: MeOTf (1 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 30 min. *ii.*: Me_3OBF_4 (1 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 24 h. *iii.*: Me_2SO_4 (10 equiv), CHCl_3 , reflux, 3.5 h. *iv.*: DMC (10 mL/mmol of **3Aa**), DBU (1 equiv), reflux, 24 h. *v.*: MeI (4 equiv), CHCl_3 , rt, 35 h.

Experimental details

General considerations

The reagents and solvents were used as obtained from the commercial sources (Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka, Alfa Aesar). Pyridyl-triazoles **1A–D** (Figure 2) used for this investigation were prepared by copper-catalyzed cycloaddition between the appropriate click partners. For methylation reactions dry glassware and solvents were used. Dichloromethane was dried over 4Å molecular sieves.

NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance 300 and Bruker Avance III 500 spectrometers, using Si(CH₃)₄ as internal standard. Proton and carbon spectra were referenced to TMS as the internal standard. Some ¹³C chemical shifts were determined relative to the ¹³C signal of the solvent: CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (39.5 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR, ¹¹B NMR and ³¹P NMR spectra were referenced to CCl₃F, 15% BF₃ etherate in CDCl₃ and 85% phosphoric acid, respectively, as external standards at $\delta = 0$. Chemical shifts are given on the δ scale (ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. The multiplicities are indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) and br (broadened).

Assignments of proton, carbon and nitrogen resonances were performed by standard 2D NMR techniques (¹H-¹H COSY, ¹H-¹³C HSQC, ¹H-¹³C HMBC). The numbering used for the assignment of NMR signals is as follows: 1,2,3-triazole ring, simple figures; pyridine ring, primed figures; phenyl ring, double-primed figures (C-1" is attached to the 1,2,3-triazole ring).

An Agilent 6224 time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometer equipped with a double orthogonal electrospray source at atmospheric pressure ionization (ESI) coupled to an Agilent 1260 HLPC was used for recording HRMS spectra.

Elemental analysis was performed with a Perkin-Elmer 2400 Series II CHNS/O Analyzer. IR spectra were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100, equipped with a Specac Golden Gate Diamond ATR as a solid sample support. Melting points were determined on a Kofler micro hot stage and are uncorrected. The reactions were monitored by TLC on TLC-CARDS SILICA GEL, 220–440 mesh.

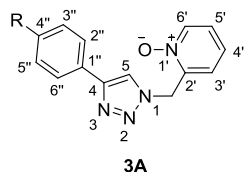
Preparation of triazole appended pyridine *N*-oxides 3A, 3B and 3D

General procedure for the synthesis of pyridine *N*-oxides 3A, 3B and 3D (Figure 3)

A mixture of triazole **1A**, **1B** or **1D** and *m*-CPBA in CHCl₃ was refluxed for 30 min. Aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (0.5 M) was added and product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. Combined organic layers were washed with aqueous NaOH (1 M) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ to obtain pure pyridine *N*-oxide **3A**, **3B** or **3D**, which were used for further transformations.

For analyses the products were recrystallized from a mixture of EtOH and water. For quantities used in the above procedure, analytical and spectral data of **3A**, **3B** and **3D**, see below.

2-((4-(Aryl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxides (3A):



2-((4-(Phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Aa, R = H): Compound **1Aa** (237.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (240.5 mg, 95%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 129–131 °C. IR: 3238, 1651, 1483, 1209, 1031, 770, 696 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.88 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.35–7.27 (m, 4H, H-3', H-4', H-5', H-4''), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.23 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 48.6 (CH₂), 121.6 (C-5), 125.8 (C-2'', C-6''), 126.1 (C-4'), 126.1 (C-5'), 126.3 (C-3'), 128.3 (C-4''), 128.8 (C-3'', C-5''), 130.3 (C-1''), 139.5 (C-6'), 145.4 (C-2'), 148.1 (C-4). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₄O⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 253.1011, found 253.1133. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₄O: C 66.65, H 4.79, N 22.21; found: C 66.39, H 4.84, N 22.14.

2-((4-(*p*-Tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Ab, R = Me): Compound **1Ab** (250.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (265.0 mg, 99%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 124–125.0 °C. IR: 3134, 3069, 2921, 1656, 1614, 1495, 1264, 1246, 1044, 856, 801, 767, 701 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.86 (s, 2H,

CH₂), 7.31–7.22 (m, 5H, H-3'', H-5'', H-3', H-4', H-5'), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.16 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.3 (CH₃), 48.5 (CH₂), 121.2 (C-5), 125.7 (C-2'', C-6''), 126.0 (C-3'), 126.0 (C-5'), 126.2 (C-4'), 127.5 (C-1''), 129.5 (C-3'', C-5''), 138.1 (C-4''), 139.5 (C-6'), 145.5 (C-2'), 148.2 (C-4). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄O⁺ (M+H)⁺ 267.1240, found 267.1241. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄O: C 67.65, H 5.30, N 21.04; found: C 67.50, H 4.98, N 20.76.

2-((4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Ac, R = OMe):

Compound **1Ac** (267.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (249.0 mg, 88%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 179.0–181 °C. IR: 3137, 3062, 2039, 1935, 1581, 1378, 1030, 810, 789, 675, 696 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.85 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5'') 7.33–7.21 (m, 3H, H-3', H-4', H-5'), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.12 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 48.5 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 114.2 (C-3'', C-5''), 120.7 (C-5), 123.0 (C-1''), 126.0 (C-4'), 126.0 (C-5'), 126.2 (C-3'), 127.1 (C-2'', C-6''), 139.5 (C-6'), 145.6 (C-2'), 148.0 (C-4), 159.7 (C-4''). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 283.1195, found 283.1190. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄O₂: C 63.82, H 5.00, N 19.85; found: C 63.44, H 5.04, N 19.65.

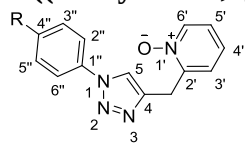
2-((4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Ad, R = CN):

Compound **1Ad** (261.1 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (257.4 mg, 98%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 217–219 °C. IR: 3099, 3074, 2964, 2228, 1613, 1438, 1419, 1244, 1221, 1072, 1046, 863, 834, 781, 694 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.86 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.35–7.27 (m, 2H, H-4', H-5'), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, C-3'), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.43 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 48.8 (CH₂), 111.5 (C-4''), 118.8 (CN), 123.1 (C-5), 126.1 (C-2'', C-6''), 126.2 (C-5'), 126.5 (C-4'), 126.8 (C-3'), 132.7 (C-3'', C-5''), 134.8 (C-1''), 139.7 (C-6'), 144.8 (C-2'), 146.0 (C-4). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂N₅O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 278.1036, found 278.1033. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₁N₅O: C 64.97, H 4.00, N 25.26; found: C 65.20, H 3.81, N 25.17.

2-((4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-N-oxide (3Ae, R = CF₃): Compound **1Ae** (305.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (295.3 mg, 92%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 201–203 °C. IR: 3106, 2981, 2947, 1694, 1493, 1459, 1328, 1205, 1101, 1081, 1064, 839, 765 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.87 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.39–7.30 (m, 3H, H-3', H-4', H-5'), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.38 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 48.7 (CH₂), 122.6 (C-5), 124.1 (q, *J* = 273 Hz, CF₃), 125.8 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 125.9 (C-2'', C-6''), 126.2 (C-4' or C-5'), 126.4 (C-5' or C-4'), 126.6 (C-3'), 130.0 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C-4''), 133.8 (C-1''), 139.6 (C-6'), 145.0 (C-2'), 146.6 (C-4). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = –63 (s, 3F, CF₃). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 321.0958, found 321.0957. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃N₄O: C 56.25, H 3.46, N 17.49; found: C 56.32, H 3.12, N 17.34.

2-((4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)methyl)pyridine-N-oxide (3Af, R = Cl): Compound **1Af** (271.5 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (227.0 mg, 80%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 148–149 °C. IR: 3123, 3063, 3027, 1484, 1446, 1261, 1250, 1224, 1092, 814, 759, 690 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.86 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.38–7.27 (m, 3H, H-3', H-4', H-5'), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.26 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 48.6 (CH₂), 121.8 (C-5), 126.2 (C-5'), 126.4 (2C, C-3', C-4'), 127.0 (C-2'', C-6''), 128.9 (C-1''), 129.0 (C-3'', C-5''), 134.0 (C-4''), 139.6 (C-6'), 145.2 (C-2'), 147.0 (C-4). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂ClN₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 287.0694, found 287.0694. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₁ClN₄O: C 58.65%, H 3.87, N 18.54; found: C 58.48, H 3.65, N 18.80.

2-((1-Aryl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxides (3B):



3B

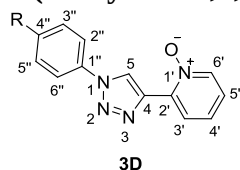
2-((1-Phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Ba, R = H): Compound **1Ba** (236.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (252.0 mg, 100%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 130–131 °C. IR: 3080, 1595, 1493, 1431, 1248, 1227, 1051, 987, 861, 850, 758, 689 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.44 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.22 (m, 2H, H-4', H-5'), 7.46 (m, 4H, H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.20 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 27.7 (CH₂), 120.4 (C-2'', H-6''), 121.4 (C-5), 124.4 (C-5'), 126.0 (C-4'), 126.5 (C-3'), 128.6 (C-4''), 129.7 (C-3'', C-5''), 137.0 (C-1''), 139.4 (C-6'), 143.0 (C-4), 149.1 (C-2'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 253.1089, found 253.1082. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₄O: C 66.65, H 4.79, N 22.21; found: C 66.43, H 4.57, N 22.03.

2-((1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Bc, R = OMe): Compound **1Bc** (266.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (267.9 mg, 95%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 140–142 °C. IR: 3117, 3070, 2932, 1605, 1518, 1492, 1427, 1409, 1388, 1235, 1070, 1070, 1026, 826, 771, 737, 680, 608 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.43 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.00 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.24 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.10 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 27.7 (CH₂), 55.6 (OCH₃), 114.7 (C-3'', C-5''), 121.6 (C-5), 122.2 (C-2'', C-6''), 124.3 (C-5'), 125.9 (C-4'), 126.5 (C-3'), 130.6 (C-1''), 139.4 (C-6'), 142.8 (C-4), 149.2 (C-2'), 159.7 (C-4''). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺ 283.1190, found 283.1190. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄O₂ × 1/12H₂O: C 63.48, H 5.03, N 19.74; found: C 63.47, H 4.87, N 19.38.

2-((1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Be, R = CF₃): Compound **1Be** (304.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (15 mL), *m*-CPBA (344.0 mg, 2.00 mmol).

Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 30 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL), NaOH (1 × 60 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). White solid (307.1 mg, 96%). *R*_f (EtOAc) = 0.1. Mp 141–142 °C. IR: 3138, 3097, 1614, 1433, 1331, 1252, 1160, 1103, 1069, 1050, 1015, 988, 840, 782, 759 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.45 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.25 (m, 3H, H-4', H-5'), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.31 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 27.9 (CH₂), 120.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 121.4 (C-5), 123.5 (q, *J* = 272 Hz, CF₃), 124.6 (C-5'), 126.1 (C-4'), 126.6 (C-3'), 127.1 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 130.9 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C-4''), 139.4 (C-1''), 139.5 (C-6'), 143.5 (C-4), 148.8 (C-2'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.6 (s, 3F, CF₃). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 321.0958, found 321.0953. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃N₄O × ¼H₂O: C 55.47, H 3.57, N 17.25; found: C 55.40, H 3.33, N 17.13.

2-(1-Aryl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-*N*-oxides (3D):



2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Da, R = H): Compound **1Da** (666.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.0356 g, 6.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 90 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 90 mL), NaOH (1 × 180 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 90 mL). White solid (644.0 mg, 90%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 180–181 °C. IR: 3210, 3128, 1595, 1501, 1279, 1253, 1027, 840, 757, 705, 685 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.28 (m, 1H, H-5'), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.49 (m, 1H, H-4''), 7.57 (m, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.85 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.36 (ddd, *J* = 6.6, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.59 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.49 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 120.6 (C-2'', C-6''), 124.0 (C-5'), 124.2 (C-5), 124.3 (C-6'), 125.9 (C-4'), 129.0 (C-4''), 129.9 (C-3'', C-5''), 136.8 (C-1''), 139.5 (C-4), 140.0 (C-3'), 141.1 (C-2'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 239.0927, found 239.0926. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₄O: C 65.54, H 4.23, N 23.52; found: C 65.20, H 3.98, N 23.33.

2-(1-(*p*-Tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Db, R = Me): Compound **1Db** (708.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.036 g, 6.00 mmol). Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 90 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 90 mL), NaOH (1 × 180 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 90 mL). White solid (743.4 mg, 98%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 236–238 °C. IR: 3186, 1720, 1517, 1395, 1274, 1215, 1026, 806, 754, 734 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.27 (m, 1H, H-

5'), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.43 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.36 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.59 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.44 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 21.2$ (CH_3), 120.5 (C-2'', C-6''), 123.9 (C-5'), 124.3 (C-5), 124.3 (C-6'), 125.9 (C-4'), 130.4 (C-3'', C-5''), 134.5 (C-1''), 139.2 (C-4''), 139.3 (C-4), 140.0 (C-3'), 141.2 (C-2'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 239.0927, found 239.0926. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4\text{O} \times 1/12\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C 66.65, H 4.79, N 22.21; found: C 65.96, H 4.58, N 22.16.

2-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-N-oxide (3Dc, R = OMe): Compound **1Dc** (756.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl_3 (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.0356 g, 6.00 mmol). $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (1 $\times$ 90 mL), CH_2Cl_2 (2 $\times$ 90 mL), NaOH (1 $\times$ 180 mL), CH_2Cl_2 (3 $\times$ 90 mL). White solid (752.3 mg, 94%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 164–166 °C. IR: 3217, 2842, 1516, 1468, 1247, 1204, 1029, 825, 767, 635 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.89$ (s, 3H, OCH_3), 7.06 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.27 (m, 1H, H-5'), 7.44 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.75 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.36 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, C-3'), 8.58 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.39 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 55.7$ (OCH_3), 114.9 (C-2'', C-6''), 122.3 (C-3'', C-5''), 123.9 (C-5'), 124.2 (C-6'), 124.4 (C-5), 126.0 (C-4'), 130.2 (C-1''), 139.3 (C-4), 140.0 (C-3'), 141.3 (C-2'), 160.0 (C-4'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 269.1033, found 269.1031. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: C 62.68, H 4.51, N 20.88; found: C 62.26, H 4.26, N 20.56.

2-(1-(4-Cyanophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-N-oxide (3Dd, R = CN): Compound **1Dd** (741.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl_3 (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.0356 g, 6.00 mmol). $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (1 $\times$ 90 mL), CH_2Cl_2 (2 $\times$ 90 mL), NaOH (1 $\times$ 180 mL), CH_2Cl_2 (3 $\times$ 90 mL). White solid (676.0 mg, 86%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 276–278 °C. IR: 3180, 2224, 1602, 1514, 1467, 1439, 1396, 1259, 1023, 832, 770 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.43$ (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.97 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.13 (m, 3H, H-3'', H-5'', H-3'), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.68 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.59 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 112.7$ (CN), 117.7 (C-5'), 120.5 (C-5), 120.7 (C-2'', C-6''), 123.8 (C-4''), 124.4 (C-6'), 125.9 (C-4'), 134.0 (C-3'', C-5''), 139.6 (C-1''), 140.0 (C-3'), 140.1 (C-4), 140.6 (C-2'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_5\text{O}^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 264.0880, found 264.0879. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{N}_5\text{O}$: C 63.87, H 3.45, N 26.60; found: C 63.91, H 3.21, N 26.59.

2-(1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3De, R = CF₃): Compound **1De** (741.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.0356 g, 6.00 mmol), Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 90 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 90 mL), NaOH (1 × 180 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 90 mL). White solid (830.1 mg, 90%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 213–215 °C. IR: 3187, 1612, 1401, 1320, 1259, 1163, 1099, 1062, 1026, 838, 810, 763 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.38 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.60 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.58 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 120.5 (C-2'', C-6''), 123.6 (q, *J* = 272 Hz, CF₃), 124.0 (C-5), 124.3 (C-5'), 124.4 (C-6'), 126.0 (C-4'), 127.3 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 131.0 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C-4''), 139.2 (C-1''), 139.9 (C-4), 140.0 (C-3'), 140.8 (C-2'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63 (s, 3F, CF₃). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₄F₃O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 307.0801, found 307.0799. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₉N₄F₃O: C 54.91, H 2.96, N 18.29; found: C 54.49, H 2.81, N 17.83.

2-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pyridine-*N*-oxide (3Dg, R = Br): Compound **1Dg** (903.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), CHCl₃ (50 mL), *m*-CPBA (1.0356 g, 6.00 mmol), Na₂S₂O₃ (1 × 90 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 90 mL), NaOH (1 × 180 mL), CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 90 mL). White solid (911.8 mg, 96%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.7. Mp 197–199 °C. IR: 3111, 1773, 1563, 1495, 1469, 1394, 1251, 1206, 1009, 986, 950, 815, 722, 678 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.36 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.58 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.48 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 122.0 (C-2'', C-6''), 122.7 (C-4''), 124.0 (C-5'), 124.2 (C-5), 124.3 (C-6'), 126.0 (C-4'), 133.0 (C-3'', C-5''), 135.8 (C-1''), 139.7 (C-4), 140.0 (C-3'), 140.9 (C-2'). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₃H₁₀BrN₄O⁺ [M + H]⁺ 317.0033, found 317.0030. Anal. calcd for C₁₃H₉BrN₄O: C 49.23, H 2.86, N 17.67; found: C 49.34, H 2.84, N 17.91.

Methoxypyridinium-triazolium salts 4A

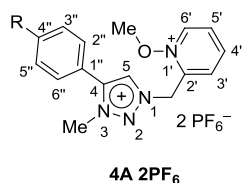
General procedure for dimethylation of triazole appended pyridyl *N*-oxides 3A into 4A (Scheme 4)

Pyridine *N*-oxide 3A in dry CH₂Cl₂ was purged with dry argon and stirred on an ice-bath at 0 °C for a few minutes. MeOTf was added via syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated to dryness using rotary evaporator affording pure 4A 2OTf, which was used without further manipulations for the reductive N–O cleavage into 2A.

The yields are given below for the trifluoromethanesulfonates 4A 2OTf.

For all other analyses, crude 4A 2OTf was dissolved in MeOH. After addition of NH₄PF₆ the precipitated 4A 2PF₆ was collected by filtration and thoroughly washed with Et₂O. For quantities used in the above procedure, analytical and spectral data of 4A 2PF₆, see below.

Methoxypyridinium-triazolium salts 4A



1-Methoxy-2-((3-methyl-4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)pyridinium salt (4Aa, R = H): Compound 3Aa (252 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Aa 2OTf: conversion 96% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

4Aa 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (398 mg, 70%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 149–151 °C. IR: 3140, 1615, 1584, 1493, 1446, 1278, 1157, 820, 782 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.32 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.56 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.55 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.75–7.69 (m, 5H, H-2'', H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.40–8.36 (m, 2H, H-3', H-5'), 8.73 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.30 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.76 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.2 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 39.5 (CH₃-trz), 50.2 (CH₂), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 122.2 (C-1''), 129.3 (C-3'', C-5'' or C-2'', C-6''), 129.5 (C-2'', C-6'' or C-3'', C-5''), 129.9 (C-5'), 130.0 (C-3'), 130.5 (C-5), 131.7 (C-4''), 141.5 (C-6'), 142.7 (C-4), 145.2 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -70.2 (d, *J* = 712 Hz, 6F, PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -146 (septet, *J* = 712 Hz,

1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₄O²⁺ [M]²⁺ 141.0735, found 141.0750. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₈F₁₂N₄OP₂: C 33.58, H 3.17, N 9.79; found: C 33.81, H 2.90, N 9.83.

1-Methoxy-2-((4-(*p*-tolyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)pyridinium salt (4Ab, R = Me): Compound **3Ab** (275.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Ab 2OTf: conversion 96% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

4Ab 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (385.0 mg, 70%). *R_f* (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 155–157 °C. IR: 3144, 1616, 1590, 1505, 1279, 825, 726, 714 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 2.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.31 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.53 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.72 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.26 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.75 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.3 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 21.0 (CH₃), 39.0 (CH₃-trz), 50.2 (CH₂), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 119.3 (C-1''), 129.2 (C-2'', C-6''), 129.9 (C-3'), 130.0 (C-5'), 130.0 (C-3'', C-5''), 130.2 (C-5), 141.5 (C-6'), 141.9 (C-4''), 142.8 (C-4), 145.2 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -70.2 (d, *J* = 712 Hz, 6F, PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -146 (septet, *J* = 712 Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₄O²⁺ [M]²⁺ 148.0813, found 148.0820. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₂₀F₁₂N₄OP₂: C 34.83, H 3.44, N 9.56; found: C 35.03, H 3.14, N 9.51.

1-Methoxy-2-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)pyridinium salt (4Ac, R = OMe): Compound **3Ac** (282 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Ac 2OTf: conversion 94% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

4Ac 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (453 mg, 80%). *R_f* (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 147–149 °C. IR: 3141, 3117, 1614, 1509, 1266, 1183, 822, 723 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.29 (s, 3H, CH₃-Ntrz), 4.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.52 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.72 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.22 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.75 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 39.0 (CH₃-trz), 50.2 (CH₂), 55.6 (OCH₃), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 114.1 (C-1''), 114.9 (C-2'', C-6''), 129.9 (C-3'), 129.9 (C-5), 130.0 (C-5'), 131.0 (C-3'', C-5''), 141.5 (C-6'), 142.7 (C-4), 145.2 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'), 161.7 (C-4''). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -70.2 (d, *J* = 712 Hz, 6F, PF₆).

PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −146 (septet, *J* = 712 Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₄O₂²⁺ [M]²⁺ 156.0788, found 156.0804. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₂₀F₁₂N₄O₂P₂: C 33.90, H 3.35, N 9.30; found: C 33.98, H 2.91, N 9.27.

2-((4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)-1-methoxypyridinium salt (4Ad, R = CN): Compound **3Ad** (279.1 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Ad 2OTf: conversion 93% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

4Ad 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (450 mg, 76%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 166–168 °C. IR: 3128, 2233, 1616, 1588, 1457, 1277, 1180, 823, 741 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.34 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.57 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.95 (d, *J* = Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.20 (d, *J* = Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.40 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.73 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.39 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.76 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.2 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 39.7 (CH₃-trz), 50.3 (CH₂), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 114.2 (C-4"), 117.9 (CN), 126.7 (C-1"), 129.9 (C-3'), 130.0 (C-5'), 130.4 (C-2", C-6"), 131.3 (C-5), 133.3 (C-3", C-5"), 141.3 (C-4), 141.5 (C-6'), 145.1 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −70.2 (d, *J* = 712 Hz, 6F, PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −146 (septet, *J* = 712 Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₅O²⁺ [M]²⁺ = 153.5711, found 153.5711. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₁₂N₅OP₂: C 34.19, H 2.87, N 11.73; found: C 34.48, H 2.72, N 11.74.

1-Methoxy-2-((4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)pyridinium salt (4Ae, R = CF₃): Compound **3Ae** (319.2 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Ae 2OTf: conversion 92% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

4Ae 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (480.8 mg, 75%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 161–163 °C. IR: 3151, 1618, 1595, 1505, 1446, 1412, 1357, 1170, 1133, 1117, 1072, 1015, 831, 815, 686, 647 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.34 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.58 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.40 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.73 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.38 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.77 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.3 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 39.0 (CH₃-trz), 50.3 (CH₂), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 125.3 (q, *J* = 272 Hz, CF₃), 126.3 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, C-3", C-5"), 128.4 (q, *J* = 33 Hz, C-4"), 129.2 (C-1"), 129.8 (C-3'),

130.0 (C-5'), 130.6 (2C, C-2'', C-6''), 131.3 (C-5), 141.5 (C-6'), 141.5 (C-4), 145.2 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −61.6 (s, 3F, CF₃), −70.2 (d, *J* = 712 Hz, 6F, PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −146 (septet, *J* = 712 Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₃N₄O²⁺ [M]²⁺ = 157.0672, found 175.0677. Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₁₅N₄OP₂ × 5/6 NH₄PF₆: C 26.21, H 2.72, N 8.99; found: C 26.24, H 2.94, N 9.37.

2-((4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-1-yl)methyl)-1-methoxypyridinium salt (4Af, R = Cl): Compound **3Af** (285.7 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL).

4Af 2OTf: conversion 94% based on ¹H NMR analysis.

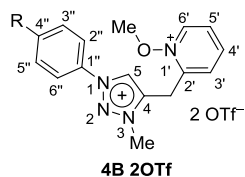
4Af 2PF₆: NH₄PF₆ (652 mg, 4.00 mmol), white solid (385.7 mg, 68%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 161.5–163 °C. IR: 3143, 1613, 1486, 1455, 1275, 1158, 818, 720, cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.31 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.55 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 6.55 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.63–7.93 (m, 4H, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.40 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.72 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.26 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.76 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.2 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 39.0 (CH₃-trz), 50.3 (CH₂), 69.6 (OCH₃-py), 121.1 (C-1''), 129.6 (C-3'', C-5'' or C-2'', C-6''), 129.8 (C-3'), 130.0 (C-5'), 130.7 (C-5), 131.3 (C-2'', C-6'' or C-3'', C-5''), 136.8 (C-4''), 141.5 (C-6'), 141.8 (C-4), 145.2 (C-2'), 145.6 (C-4'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −70.2 (d, *J* = 711.5 Hz, 6F, PF₆). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = −146 (septet, *J* = 711.5 Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇ClN₄O²⁺ [M]²⁺ 158.0540, found 158.0547. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₇ClF₁₂N₄OP₂: C 31.67, H 2.82, N 9.23; found: C 31.75, H 2.54, N 9.16.

Methoxypyridinium-triazolium salts **4B**

General procedure for dimethylation of triazole appended pyridyl *N*-oxides **3B** into **4B** (Scheme 4)

Pyridine *N*-oxide **3B** in dry CH₂Cl₂ was purged with dry argon and stirred on an ice-bath at 0 °C for a few minutes. MeOTf was added via syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated to dryness using rotary evaporator affording pure **4B 2OTf**, which was used without further manipulations for the reductive N–O cleavage into **2B**.

Methoxyppyridinium-triazolium salts 4B



1-Methoxy-2-((3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazolium-4-yl)methyl)pyridinium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (4Ba 2OTf, R = H): Compound **3Ba** (252.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL). White solid (481.4 mg, 83%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.4. Mp 130–132 °C. IR: 3093, 1585, 1503, 1447, 1255, 1153, 1029, 957, 919, 785, 764, 634 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.43 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.52 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 5.04 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.83–7.71 (m, 3H, H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.4 Hz, 2H, H-3', H-5'), 8.65 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.49 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.67 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 24.6 (CH₂), 38.5 (CH₃-trz), 69.3 (OCH₃-py), 121.4 (C-2'', C-6''), 128.8 (C-5', C-5), 130.1 (C-3'), 130.5 (2C, C-3'', C-5''), 131.9 (C-4''), 134.6 (C-1''), 138.3 (C-4), 141.4 (C-6'), 145.3 (C-4'), 147.5 (C-2'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₄O²⁺ [M]²⁺ 141.0735, found 141.0750. Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₁₈F₆N₄O₇S₂: C 37.24, H 3.13, N 9.65; found: C 37.54, H 2.95, N 9.73.

1-Methoxy-2-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazolium-4-yl)methyl)pyridinium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (4Bc 2OTf, R = OMe): Compound **3Bc** (282.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.50 mmol, 0.5 mL). White solid (372.1 mg, 61%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.4. Mp 103–104 °C. IR: 3042, 1582, 1514, 1252, 1225, 1165, 1144, 1027, 843, 787, 635 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.40 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.51 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 5.02 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.89 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, H-3', H-5'), 8.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.39 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.67 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 24.6 (CH₂), 38.3 (CH₃-trz), 55.9 (OCH₃), 69.3 (OCH₃-py), 115.4 (C-3'', C-5''), 123.0 (C-2'', C-6''), 127.6 (C-1''), 128.4 (C-5), 128.8 (C-5' or C-3'), 130.1 (C-3' or C-5'), 138.1 (C-4), 141.4 (C-6'), 145.3 (C-4'), 147.5 (C-2'), 161.5 (C-4''). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₄O₂²⁺ [M]²⁺ 156.0788, found 156.0789. Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₂₀F₆N₄O₈S₂: C 37.38, H 3.30, N 9.18; found: C 37.08, H 3.20, N 9.03.

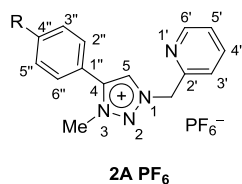
1-Methoxy-2-((3-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium-4-yl)methyl)pyridinium trifluoromethanesulphonate (4Be 2OTf, R = CF₃): Compound **3Be** (320.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (750 mg, 4.5 mmol, 0.5 mL). White solid (505.4 mg, 78%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.4. Mp 160–161 °C. IR: 3083, 1616, 1322, 1259, 1225, 1137, 1066, 1028, 989, 959, 851, 838, 789, 689, 635 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.47 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 4.52 (s, 3H, OCH₃-py), 5.07 (s, 2H, CH₂), 8.21 (d, 4H, *J* = 4.4 Hz, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.35–8.31 (m, 2H, H-3', H5'), 8.66 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 9.60 (s, 1H, H-5), 9.68 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 24.6 (CH₂), 38.7 (CH₃-trz), 69.3 (OCH₃-py), 122.4 (C-2'', C-6''), 123.5 (q, *J* = 273 Hz, CF₃), 127.8 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 128.8 (C-5'), 129.3 (C-5), 130.1 (C-3'), 131.7 (q, *J* = 6 Hz, C-4''), 137.4 (C-1''), 138.5 (C-4), 141.4 (C-6'), 145.3 (C-4'), 147.4 (C-2'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -61.4 (CF₃), -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇F₃N₄O²⁺ [*M*]²⁺ 175.0672, found 175.0673. Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₁₇F₉N₄O₇S₂: C 35.19, H 2.64, N 8.64; found: C 35.50, H 2.60, N 8.76.

Reductive cleavage of N–O bond in 4A 2OTf and 4B 2OTf into pyridy-triazolium salts 2A PF₆ and 2B PF₆ (Scheme 5)

General procedure

A stirred solution of **4A 2OTf** or **4B 2OTf** and Mo(CO)₆ in abs. EtOH was heated under reflux for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporator and subjected to column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1, *R*_f ≈ 0.5). Product (**2A 2OTf** or **2B 2OTf**) was dissolved in water and KPF₆ (2 equiv) was added. After cooling the precipitated pure **2A PF₆** or **2B PF₆** was collected by filtration. For quantities used in the above procedure, analytical and spectral data of **2A PF₆** and **2B PF₆**, see below.

1-(Pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium salts 2A



3-Methyl-4-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Aa PF₆, R = H): Compound **4Aa 2OTf** (580.3 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (528 mg, 2.00 mmol). H₂O (10 mL), KPF₆ (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (388.3 mg, 98%).

R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH =5:1) = 0.5. Mp 128–129 °C. IR: 3151, 3135, 1591, 1573, 1441, 1211, 1155, 1079, 1019, 998, 828, 768, 756, 699 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 4.32 (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 6.08 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.47 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.67 (m, 4H, H-3', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 7.95 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.60 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.30 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 39.4 (CH_3 -trz), 57.2 (CH_2), 122.5 (C-1''), 123.3 (C-3'), 124.2 (C-5'), 129.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 129.4 (C-3'', C-5''), 129.7 (C-5), 131.5 (C-4''), 137.7 (C-4'), 142.5 (C-4), 149.7 (C-6'), 151.9 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = -70.1 (d, J = 712 Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = -144 (septet, J = 712 Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4^+ [\text{M}]^+$ = 251.1291, found 251.1286. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{P} \times 1/3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C 44.79, H 3.93, N 13.93; found: C 44.80, H 3.74, N 13.73.

3-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Ab PF_6 , R = Me): Compound **4Ab** 2OTf (596.1 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (528 mg, 2.00 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (266.7 mg, 93%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.5. Mp 111–112 °C. IR: 3152, 1621, 1595, 1574, 1511, 1474, 1408, 1376, 1344, 1194, 1162, 829, 759 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 2.42 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.30 (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 6.06 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H, H-5', H-3'', H-5''), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H, H-3', H-2'', H-6''), 7.95 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.59 (dt, J = 5.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.26 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 21.0 (CH_3), 39.5 (CH_3 -trz), 57.2 (CH_2), 119.6 (C-1''), 123.2 (C-3'), 124.1 (C-5'), 129.2 (C-2'', C-6''), 129.4 (C-5), 129.9 (C-3'', C-5''), 137.7 (C-4'), 141.6 (C-4''), 142.5 (C-4), 149.7 (C-6'), 151.9 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = -70.1 (d, J = 712 Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = -144 (septet, J = 712 Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4^+ [\text{M}]^+$ = 265.1448, found 265.1450. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{P}$: C 46.84, H 4.18, N 13.66; found: C 46.60, H 3.99, N 13.47.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Ac PF_6 , R = OMe): Compound **4Ac** 2OTf (610 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (528 mg, 2.00 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (413 mg, 97%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.5. Mp 105–108 °C. IR: 3152, 2843, 1618, 1596, 1574, 1509, 1440, 1260, 829, 755 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.29 (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 6.08 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.21 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''),

7.46 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 7.95 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.59 (dt, $J = 4.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.22 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 39.4$ (CH₃-trz), 55.5 (OCH₃), 57.2 (CH₂), 114.5 (C-1''), 114.8 (C-3'', C-5''), 123.2 (C-3'), 124.1 (C-5'), 129.1 (C-5), 131.0 (C-2'', C-6''), 137.7 (C-4'), 142.4 (C-4), 149.7 (C-6'), 152.0 (C-2'), 161.5 (C-4''). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -70.1$ (d, $J = 712$ Hz, 6F, PF₆). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -144$ (septet, $J = 712$ Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N₄O⁺ [M]⁺ = 281.1397, found 281.1399. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₇F₆N₄OP $\times$ 1/2H₂O: C 44.15, H 4.17, N 12.87; found: C 43.85, H 3.82, N 12.69.

4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Ad PF₆, R = CN): Compound **4Ad 2OTf** (582.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (528 mg, 2.00 mmol). H₂O (10 mL), KPF₆ (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (315.2 mg, 99%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.5. Mp 93–95 °C. IR: 3152, 2232, 1598, 1576, 1405, 1344, 1318, 1195, 1162, 1079, 1015, 997, 826, 760 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.34$ (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 6.11 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.47 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 4.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.96 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5'') 8.60 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.39 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 39.2$ (CH₃-trz), 57.3 (CH₂), 114.0 (C-4''), 118.0 (CN), 123.3 (C-3'), 124.2 (C-5'), 127.1 (C-1''), 130.4 (C-2'', C-6''), 130.5 (C-5), 133.1 (C-3'', C-5''), 137.7 (C-4'), 141.0 (C-4), 149.8 (C-6'), 151.8 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -70.1$ (d, $J = 712$ Hz, 6F, PF₆). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -144$ (septet, $J = 712$ Hz, 1P, PF₆). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₅⁺ [M]⁺ = 276.1244, found 276.1242. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₆N₅P: C 45.62, H 3.35, N 16.62; found: C 45.69, H 3.19, N 16.19.

3-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

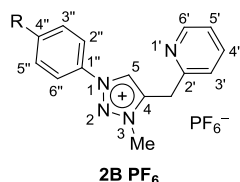
hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Ae PF₆, R = CF₃): Compound **4Ae 2OTf** (648.1 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (528 mg, 2.00 mmol). H₂O (10 mL), KPF₆ (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (323.1 mg, 94%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.5. Mp 118–120 °C. IR: 3147, 1595, 1576, 1442, 1410, 1376, 1195, 1129, 1110, 1073, 1035, 1016, 830, 762 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.34$ (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 6.11 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.47 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.96 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5'') 8.60 (ddd, $J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.39 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 38.9$ (CH₃-trz), 57.3 (CH₂), 123.3

(C-3'), 123.7 (q, $J = 273$ Hz, CF_3), 124.2 (C-5'), 126.2 (q, $J = 4$ Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 126.7 (C-1''), 130.4 (C-5), 130.5 (C-2'', C-6''), 131.3 (q, $J = 33$ Hz, C-4''), 137.7 (C-4'), 141.2 (C-4), 149.8 (C-6'), 151.9 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = -61.5$ (s, 3F, CF_3), -70.1 (d, $J = 712$ Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = -144$ (septet, $J = 712$ Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4^+ [\text{M}]^+ = 319.1165$, found 319.1164. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_9\text{N}_4\text{P}$: C 41.39, H 3.04, N 12.07; found: C 41.72, H 2.83, N 12.07.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Af PF_6 , R = Cl): Compound **4Af 2OTf** (617.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (528 mg, 2.000 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (206.3 mg, 92%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.5. Mp 113–115 °C. IR: 3160, 1615, 1599, 1577, 1489, 1476, 1442, 1257, 1195, 1091, 1012, 830, 761, 741, 725 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = 4.31$ (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 6.09 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.47 (dd, $J = 7.4, 4.6$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.78 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 7.95 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.60 (dt, $J = 4.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.31 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = 38.9$ (CH_3 -trz), 57.2 (CH_2), 121.5 (C-1''), 123.3 (C-3'), 124.1 (C-5'), 129.5 (C-3'', C-5''), 129.9 (C-5), 131.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 136.5 (C-4''), 137.7 (C-4'), 141.5 (C-4), 149.7 (C-6'), 151.9 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = -70.1$ (d, $J = 712$ Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = -144$ (septet, $J = 712$ Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_4^+ [\text{M}]^+ = 285.0902$, found 285.0903. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}_6\text{N}_4\text{P}$: C 41.83, H 3.28, N 13.01; found: C 41.55, H 3.02, N 12.71.

4-(Pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium salts 2B



3-Methyl-1-phenyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Ba PF_6 , R = H): Compound **4Ba 2OTf** (580 mg, 1.00 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (396.0 mg, 1.50 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (388.3 mg, 98%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 118–120 °C. IR: 3173, 2855, 1723, 1595, 1503, 1471, 1435, 1275, 1150, 877, 828, 767, 680 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = 4.40$ (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 4.63 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.38 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.73 (m, 3H, H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.88 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.01 (dd, $J = 7.7, 2.0$ Hz, 2H, H-

2", H-6"), 8.55 (ddd, $J = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.42 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 30.8$ (CH_2), 38.3 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 121.5 (C-2", C-6"), 122.8 (C-5'), 123.6 (C-3'), 127.7 (C-5), 130.3 (C-3", C-5"), 131.7 (C-4"), 134.7 (C-1"), 137.5 (C-4'), 142.6 (C-4), 149.5 (C-6'), 154.2 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -70.1$ (d, $J = 711$ Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -146$ (septet, $J = 711$ Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4^+$ $[\text{M}]^+ = 251.1291$, found 251.1289. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{P} \times 1/8 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C 45.21, H 3.84, N 14.06; found: C 44.82, H 3.45, N 13.79.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Bc PF_6 , R = OMe): Compound **4Bc 2OTf** (610 mg, 1.0 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (396.0 mg, 1.5 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.0 mmol). White solid (233.9 mg, 90%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 117–119. IR: 3173, 1594, 1515, 1484, 1437, 1416, 1255, 1176, 1025, 828, 756 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 3.87$ (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.36 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.25 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 7.38 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.88 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 7.93 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.55 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.32 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 30.7$ (CH_2), 39.2 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 55.9 (OCH_3), 115.3 (C-3", C-5"), 122.8 (C-5'), 123.1 (C-2", C-6"), 123.6 (C-3'), 127.4 (C-5), 127.8 (C-1"), 137.6 (C-4'), 142.4 (C-4), 149.4 (C-6'), 154.2 (C-2'), 161.3 (C-4"). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -70.1$ (d, $J = 711$ Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -146$ (septet, $J = 711$ Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M}]^+ = 281.1397$, found 281.1398. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{OP} \times 1/2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: C 44.15, H 4.17, N 12.87; found: C 43.78, H 3.84, N 12.57.

3-Methyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

hexafluorophosphate(V) (2Be PF_6 , R = CF_3): Compound **4Be 2OTf** (648 mg, 1.0 mmol), EtOH (10 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (396.0 mg, 1.5 mmol). H_2O (10 mL), KPF_6 (368 mg, 2.00 mmol). White solid (450.1 mg, 97%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 5 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 150–151. IR: 3176, 1727, 1618, 1592, 1571, 1484, 1418, 1324, 1175, 1129, 1066, 1022, 999, 825, 760 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.43$ (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 4.65 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.39 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 7.89 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.56 (ddd, $J = 5.0, 1.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.53 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 31.3$ (CH_2), 39.1 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 123.0 (C-2", C-6"), 123.3 (C-5'), 123.5 (q, $J = 273$ Hz, CF_3), 124.1 (C-3'), 127.6 (q, $J = 4$ Hz, C-3", C-5"),

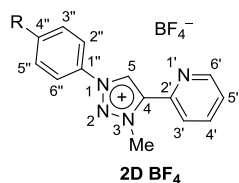
128.1 (C-5), 131.4 (q, $J = 33$ Hz, C-4''), 132.0 (C-4'), 138.1 (C-1''), 143.3 (C-4), 150.0 (C-6'), 154.6 (C-2'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -61.3$ (s, 3F, CF_3), -70.1 (d, $J = 711$ Hz, 6F, PF_6). ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -146$ (septet, $J = 711$ Hz, 1P, PF_6). HRMS (ESI $^{+}$): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4^{+} [\text{M}]^{+} = 319.1165$, found 319.1160. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_9\text{N}_4\text{P}$: C 41.39, H 3.04, N 12.07; found: C 41.55, H 2.88, N 11.95.

One-pot telescoped alkylation and N–O bond cleavage at **3D** into **2D BF₄** (Scheme 6)

General procedure

A mixture of pyridine *N*-oxide **3D** and Me_3OBF_4 in dry CH_2Cl_2 was flushed with argon and stirred at room temperature for the time indicated below (reaction time). The reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporator. The residue was dissolved in abs. EtOH and $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ was added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1 h. The solvents were removed and the residue was column chromatographed on silica gel using CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH (10 : 1, $R_f \approx 0.6$), affording pure pyridyl-triazolium salt **2D BF₄**.

For quantities used in the above procedure, analytical and spectral data of **2D BF₄**, see below. For combustion analyses, **2D BF₄** was transformed into **2D PF₆**, as follows. KPF_6 (0.5 mmol) was added into a water (10 mL) solution of **2D BF₄** (0.25 mmol). Precipitated **2D PF₆** (50–90% based on **2D BF₄**) was collected by filtration and dried.



3-Methyl-1-phenyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium tetrafluoroborate (2Da BF₄, R = H): Compound **3Da** (238.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me_3OBF_4 (588.0 g, 4.00 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL), reaction time = 4 days. EtOH (40 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (264.0 g, 1.00 mmol). White solid (220.0 g, 85%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 208–209 °C. IR: 3124, 1592, 1579, 1501, 1470, 1458, 1287, 1259, 1050, 1035, 788, 766, 741, 687, 678, 670 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.70$ (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.80 (m, 3H, H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 8.08 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.4$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.15 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.22 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.91 (ddd, $J = 4.7, 1.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.18 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR

(126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 41.2 (CH₃-trz), 121.4 (C-2", C-6"), 124.6 (C-3'), 126.0 (C-5'), 128.0 (C-5), 130.5 (C-3", C-5"), 131.9 (C-4"), 134.7 (C-1"), 138.4 (C-4'), 140.8 (C-4), 143.1 (C-2'), 150.2 (C-6'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = -148.3 (d, J = 26 Hz, 4F, BF₄). ¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = -1.3 (s, 1B, BF₄). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₄⁺ [M]⁺ = 237.1135, found 237.1135. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₆N₄P (**2Da** PF₆ as white solid): C 43.99, H 3.43, N 14.66; found: C 44.01, H 3.34, N 14.53. Spectral data in agreement with the literature.²

3-Methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium tetrafluoroborate (2Db BF₄, R = CH₃): Compound **3Db** (252.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me₃OBF₄ (588.0 g, 4.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), reaction time = 3 days. EtOH (4 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (264.0 g, 1.00 mmol). White solid (332.0 mg, 98%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 219–220 °C. IR: 3129, 1723, 1592, 1576, 1515, 1462, 1340, 1325, 1259, 1029, 814, 786, 742, 690, 624 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 2.47 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.69 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 7.71 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.96 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.14 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.21 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.90 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.14 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 20.8 (CH₃), 41.2 (CH₃-trz), 121.1 (C-2", C-6"), 124.5 (C-3'), 126.0 (C-5'), 127.8 (C-5), 130.8 (C-3", C-5"), 132.4 (C-1"), 138.4 (C-4'), 140.8 (C-4), 142.1 (C-4"), 143.1 (C-2'), 150.1 (C-6'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = -148.3 (d, J = 26 Hz, 4F, BF₄). ¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = -1.3 (s, 1B, BF₄). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄⁺ [M]⁺ = 251.1291, found 251.1288. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₆N₄P (**2Db** PF₆ as white solid): C 45.46, H 3.82, N 14.14; found: C 45.71, H 3.70, N 14.03.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium tetrafluoroborate (2Dc BF₄, R = OMe): Compound **3Dc** (268.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me₃OBF₄ (588.0 mg, 4.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), reaction time = 7 days. EtOH (20 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (264.0 mg, 1.00 mmol). White solid (230.1 mg, 65%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 194–196 °C. IR: 3130, 1722, 1611, 1578, 1517, 1461, 1438, 1325, 1269, 1178, 1019, 825, 785, 741, 690, 608 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.67 (s, 3H, CH₃-Ntrz), 7.32 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H, H-3", H-5"), 7.71 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.00 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H, H-2", H-6"), 8.13 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.20 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.90 (dt, J = 4.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.07 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 41.0 (CH₃-trz), 55.9 (OCH₃), 115.4 (C-3", C-5"), 123.0 (C-2", C-6"), 124.5 (C-3'), 126.0 (C-5'), 127.7 (C-5), 127.7 (C-1"),

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138.4 (C-4'), 140.6 (C-4), 143.1 (C-2'), 150.1 (C-6'), 164.4 (C-4''). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -148.3$ (d, $J = 26$ Hz, 4F, BF_4). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -1.3$ (s, 1B, BF_4). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}^+ [\text{M}]^+ = 267.1240$, found 267.1236. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4\text{OP} \times 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2Dc** PF_6 as white solid): C 42.77, H 3.73, N 13.30; found: C 42.50, H 3.34, N 13.05.

1-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium tetrafluoroborate (2Dd BF_4 , R = CN): Compound **3Dd** (263.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me_3OBF_4 (588.0 mg, 4.00 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL), reaction time = 7 days. EtOH (20 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (264.0 mg, 1.00 mmol). White solid (209.4 mg, 60%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 184–186 °C. IR: 3127, 2233, 1817, 1605, 1590, 1577, 1513, 1471, 1458, 1280, 1033, 839, 792, 686 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.73$ (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 7.73 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.13 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.23 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.32 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 4H, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.91 (ddd, $J = 4.9, 1.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6''), 10.28 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 41.5$ (CH_3 -trz), 114.4 (C-4''), 117.4 (CN), 121.6 (C-2'', C-6''), 122.3 (C-3'), 124.5 (C-5'), 126.1 (C-5), 134.7 (C-3'', C-5''), 137.5 (C-1''), 138.5 (C-4'), 141.0 (C-4), 142.9 (C-2'), 150.2 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -148.3$ (d, $J = 26$ Hz, 4F, BF_4). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -1.3$ (s, 1B, BF_4). HRMS (ESI+): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5^+ [\text{M}]^+ = 262.1087$, found 262.1085. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_6\text{N}_5\text{P}$ (**2Dd** PF_6 as white solid): C 44.24, H 2.97, N 17.20; found: C 44.55, H 2.74, N 16.86.

3-Methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

tetrafluoroborate (2De BF_4 , R = CF_3): Compound **3De** (306.2 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me_3OBF_4 (588.0 mg, 4.00 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL), reaction time = 7 days. EtOH (20 mL), $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ (264.0 mg, 1.00 mmol). White solid (368.0 mg, 94%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 172–173 °C. IR: 3126, 1618, 1580, 1522, 1475, 1461, 1323, 1266, 1211, 1176, 1134, 1119, 1017, 851, 792, 744, 695, 682, 624 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.74$ (s, 3H, CH_3 -trz), 7.73 (ddd, $J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.15 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.22 (m, 3H, H-4', H-3'', H-5''), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.92 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, H-6''), 10.29 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 41.4$ (CH_3 -trz), 122.4 (C-2'', C-6''), 123.4 (q, $J = 273$ Hz, CF_3), 124.6 (C-3'), 126.1 (C-5'), 127.9 (q, $J = 4$ Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 128.5 (C-5), 131.6 (q, $J = 33$ Hz, C-4''), 137.5 (C-1''), 138.5 (C-4'), 141.0 (C-4), 142.9 (C-2'), 150.2 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -61.3$ (s, 3F, CF_3), -148.3 (d, $J = 26$ Hz, 4F, BF_4). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz,

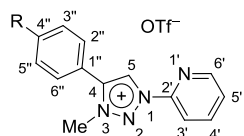
DMSO-*d*₆): $\delta = -1.3$ (s, 1B, BF₄). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₄⁺ [M]⁺ = 305.1009, found 305.1006. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₉N₄P (**2De** PF₆ as white solid): C 40.01, H 2.69, N 12.44; found: C 39.92, H 2.57, N 12.33.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium tetrafluoroborate (2Dg BF₄, R = Br): Compound **3Dg** (317.1 mg, 1.00 mmol), Me₃OBf₄ (588.0 mg, 4.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), reaction time = 7 days. EtOH (20 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (264.0 mg, 1.00 mmol). White solid (343 mg, 85%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.6. Mp 214–215 °C. IR: 3134, 1788, 1722, 1579, 1497, 1462, 1259, 1029, 1014, 832, 787, 743, 622 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 4.70 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.72 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.04 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 4H, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.13 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.22 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.90 (dt, *J* = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.19 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 41.3 (CH₃-trz), 123.4 (C-2'', C-6''), 124.5 (C-3'), 125.1 (C-1''), 126.0 (C-5'), 128.2 (C-5), 133.5 (C-3'', C-5''), 133.9 (C-4''), 138.5 (C-4'), 140.9 (C-4), 142.9 (C-2'), 150.2 (C-6'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -148.3 (d, *J* = 26 Hz, 4F, BF₄). ¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -1.3 (s, 1B, BF₄). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BrN₄⁺ [M]⁺ = 315.0240, found 315.0237. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BrF₆N₄P (**2Dg** PF₆ as white solid): C 36.46, H 2.62, N 12.15; found: C 36.54, H 2.55, N 11.99.

Methylation of pyridyl-triazoles **1A** into triazolium salts **2C** (Scheme 3)

General procedure

Pyridyl-triazole **1C** in dry CH₂Cl₂ was purged with dry argon and stirred on an ice-bath at 0 °C for a few minutes. MeOTf was added via syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and then 24 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated using rotary evaporator and the residue was column chromatographed on silicagel using a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH (10 : 1) as eluent (*R*_f ≈ 0.3). Re-crystallization from EtOAc-light petroleum afforded analytically pure triazolium salts **2C OTf**. Quantities used in the above procedure, analytical and spectral data of **2C OTf** are given below.



2C OTf

3-Methyl-4-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Ca OTf, R = H): Compound **1Ca** (222.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (310.0 g, 80%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10:1) = 0.3. Mp 128–129 °C. IR: 3099, 1613, 1598, 1572, 1260, 1222, 1194, 1146, 1079, 1050, 793, 772, 752, 698, 634 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.44 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.62 (m, 4H, H-5', H-3'', H-5'', H-4''), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.09 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.60 (ddd, *J* = 4.5, 1.8, 0.8 Hz 1H, H-6'), 9.04 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 39.4 (CH₃-trz), 115.6 (C-3'), 121.7 (C-1''), 124.4 (C-5), 127.1 (C-5'), 129.8 (C-2'', C-6''), 129.8 (C-3'', C-5''), 132.2 (C-4''), 140.5 (C-4'), 144.4 (C-4), 146.6 (C-2'), 149.2 (C-6'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -78.4 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₄⁺ [M]⁺ 237.1135, found 237.1134. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N₄O₃S: C 46.63, H 3.39, N 14.50; found: C 46.68, H 3.09, N 14.52.

3-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Cb OTf, R = CH₃): Compound **1Cb** (236.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (322.7 mg, 81%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 128–129 °C. IR: 3105, 1616, 1508, 1473, 1256, 1224, 1192, 1153, 1029, 1000, 821, 786, 637 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.46 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.43 (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.62 (m, 3H, H-2'', H-6'', H-5'), 8.09 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.24 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.60 (ddd, *J* = 4.7, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 9.01 (s, 1H, H-5). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.6 (CH₃), 39.4 (CH₃-trz), 115.6 (C-3'), 118.7 (C-1''), 124.2 (C-5), 127.0 (C-5'), 129.6 (C-2'', C-6''), 130.5 (C-3'', C-5''), 140.5 (C-4'), 142.9 (C-4''), 144.6 (C-4), 146.6 (C-2'), 149.1 (C-6'). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄⁺ [M]⁺ 251.1291, found 251.1291. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₅F₃N₄O₃S: C 48.00, H 3.78, N 13.99; found: C 47.96, H 3.87, N 14.05.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Cc OTf, R = OMe): Compound **1Cc** (252.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (313 mg, 75%). *R*_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 127–128 °C. IR: 3099, 1613, 1508, 1473, 1454, 1259,

1184, 1143, 1032, 1019, 836, 780, 635 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.42 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 7.10 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.61 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.09 (td, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.60 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz 1H, H-6'), 9.01 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 39.3 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 55.6 (OCH_3), 113.4 (C-3'), 115.3 (C-3'', C-5''), 115.4 (C-1''), 123.9 (C-5), 127.0 (C-5'), 131.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 140.5 (C-4'), 144.4 (C-4), 146.6 (C-2'), 149.2 (C-6'), 162.5 (C-4''). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}^+ [\text{M}]^+$ 267.1240, found 267.1240. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C 44.15, H 3.63, N 13.46; found: C 45.96, H 3.50, N 13.51.

4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Cd OTf, R = CN): Compound **1Cd** (247.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (331.6 mg, 81%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 150–153 °C. IR: 3128, 2230, 1617, 1503, 1262, 1222, 1194, 1157, 1080, 1031, 846, 837, 634 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 4.48 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 7.86 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.27 (dt, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.35 (td, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.81 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.09 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 39.5 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 114.2 (C-4''), 115.1 (C-3'), 118.0 (CN), 126.8 (C-5), 126.9 (C-1''), 127.5 (C-5'), 130.5 (C-2'', C-6''), 133.2 (C-3'', C-5''), 141.4 (C-4'), 142.0 (C-4), 146.3 (C-2'), 149.6 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5^+ [\text{M}]^+$ 262.1087, found 262.1083. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C 46.72, H 2.94, N 17.02; found: C 46.56, H 3.13, N 16.85.

3-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Ce OTf, R = CF_3): Compound **1Ce** (290.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (337 mg, 74%). R_f (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 167–169 °C. IR: 3076, 1618, 1600, 1451, 1333, 1262, 1155, 1121, 1074, 1032, 847, 791, 697, 638, 607 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 4.47 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 7.87 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.10 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 4H, H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6''), 8.26 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.36 (td, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.81 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.08 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 39.7 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-trz}$), 115.1 (C-3'), 123.6 (q, J = 273 Hz, CF_3), 126.3 (q, J = 4 Hz, C-3'', C-5''), 126.6 (C-1''),

126.7 (C-5), 127.5 (C-5'), 130.7 (C-2'', C-6''), 131.6 (q, $J = 32$ Hz, C-4''), 141.3 (C-4'), 142.2 (C-4), 146.3 (C-2'), 149.6 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -61.5$ (s, 3F, CF₃), -77.8 (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₄⁺ [M]⁺ 305.1009, found 305.1005. Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₂F₆N₄O₃S: C 42.30, H 2.66, N 12.53; found: C 42.30, H 2.85, N 12.60.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Cg OTf, R = Br): Compound **1Cg** (301.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (397.5 mg, 86%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH=10:1) = 0.3. Mp 144–145 °C. IR: 3080, 1608, 1576, 1478, 1455, 1263, 1220, 1189, 1162, 1150, 1076, 1031, 1008, 779, 636 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.44$ (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.5$, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 7.86 (ddd, $J = 7.6$, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.5$, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.24 (dt, $J = 8.3$, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.34 (td, $J = 7.9$, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.80 (ddd, $J = 4.8$, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 10.00 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 39.5$ (CH₃-trz), 115.1 (C-3'), 121.7 (C-1''), 125.6 (C-4''), 126.1 (C-5), 127.5 (C-5'), 131.6 (C-2'', C-6''), 132.4 (C-3'', C-5''), 141.3 (C-4'), 142.6 (C-4), 146.3 (C-2'), 149.6 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -77.8$ (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BrN₄⁺ [M]⁺ 315.0240, found 315.0233. Anal. calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BrF₃N₄O₃S: C 38.72, H 2.60, N 12.04; found: C 39.09, H 2.76, N 12.24.

3-Methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazolium

trifluoromethanesulphonate (2Ch OTf, R = NO₂): Compound **1Ch** (272.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), MeOTf (180.4 mg, 1.10 mmol, 0.12 mL). White solid (364 mg, 83%). R_f (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH = 10 : 1) = 0.3. Mp 168–170 °C. IR: 3084, 1527, 1451, 1346, 1261, 1223, 1160, 1032, 854, 787, 635 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 4.49$ (s, 3H, CH₃-trz), 7.88 (ddd, $J = 7.5$, 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.28 (dd, $J = 8.3$, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 8.37 (td, $J = 7.9$, 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 8.54 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 8.82 (ddd, $J = 4.8$, 1.8, 0.9 Hz 1H, H-6'), 10.15 (s, 1H, H-5). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 39.5$ (CH₃-trz), 115.1 (C-3'), 124.3 (C-3'', C-5''), 126.9 (C-5), 127.6 (C-5'), 128.5 (C-1''), 131.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 141.4 (C-4'), 141.7 (C-4), 146.3 (C-2'), 149.2 (C-4''), 149.6 (C-6'). ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -77.8$ (s, 3F, OTf). HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₅O₂⁺ [M]⁺ 282.0986, found 282.0985. Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₅O₅S: C 41.77, H 2.80, N 16.24; found: C 42.00, H 3.02, N 16.27.

Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction (Scheme 7)

Into a mixture of 4-bromobenzaldehyde (555.0 mg, 3.00 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (438.9 mg, 3.60 mmol) and potassium carbonate (621.0 mg, 4.50 mmol) in water (9 mL), triazolium salt **2Aa** PF₆ (0.12 mg, 3.00 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.01 mol %) and Pd(OAc)₂ (0.07 mg, 3.00 10⁻⁴ mmol, 0.01 mol %) were added. The reaction was monitored by TLC (light petroleum : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. After 4 h the reaction stopped at 90% conversion as judged by integration of the aldehyde proton resonances (Figure S1). For isolation, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (60 mL) and the product was extracted with dichloromethane (5 × 90 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. 4-Phenylbenzaldehyde was isolated by flash column chromatography using light petroleum : ethyl acetate (10 : 1) as eluent. Colorless oil, yield 83%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 10.04 (s, 1H). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature.³

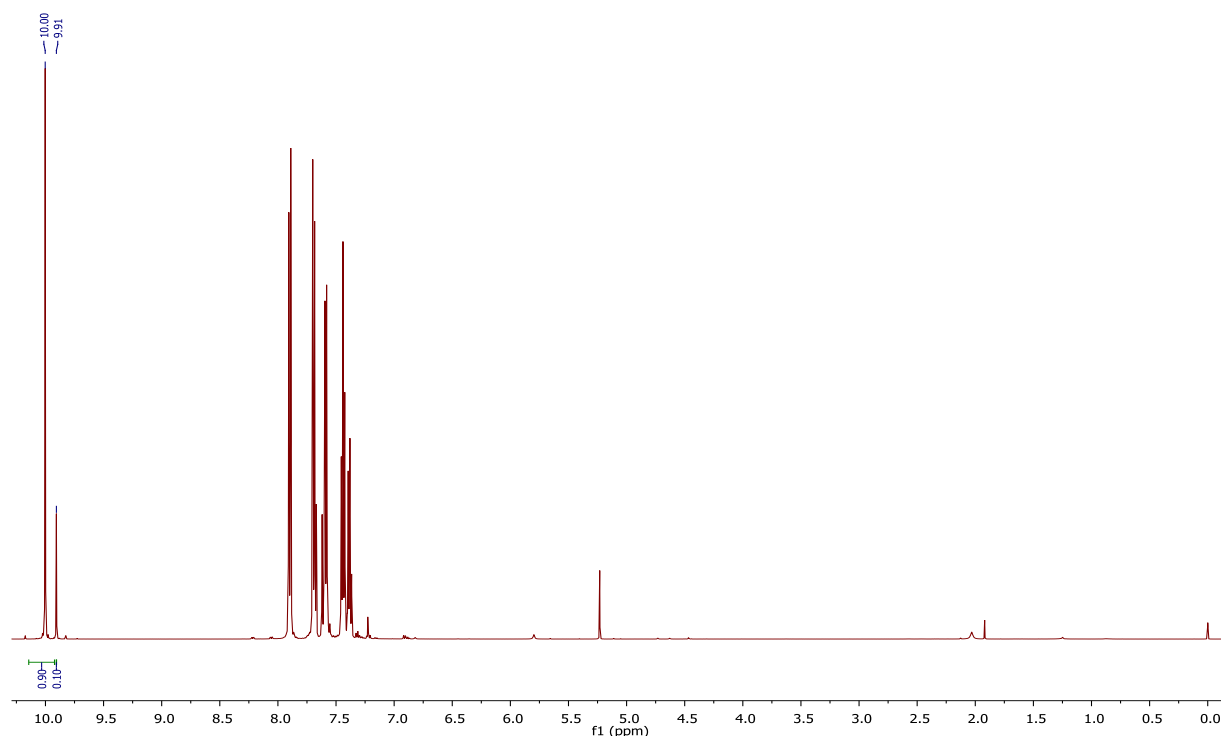
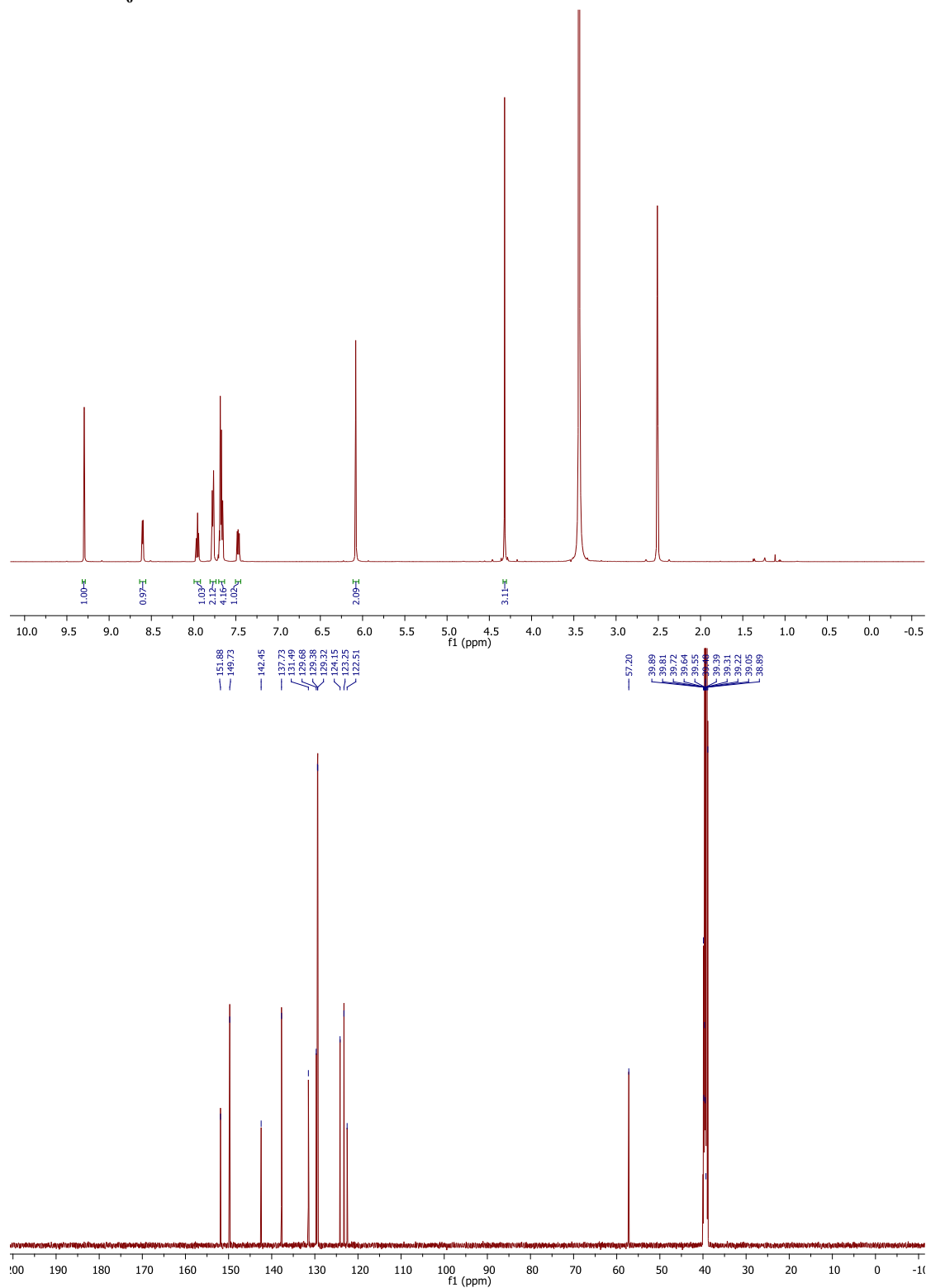
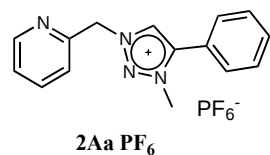
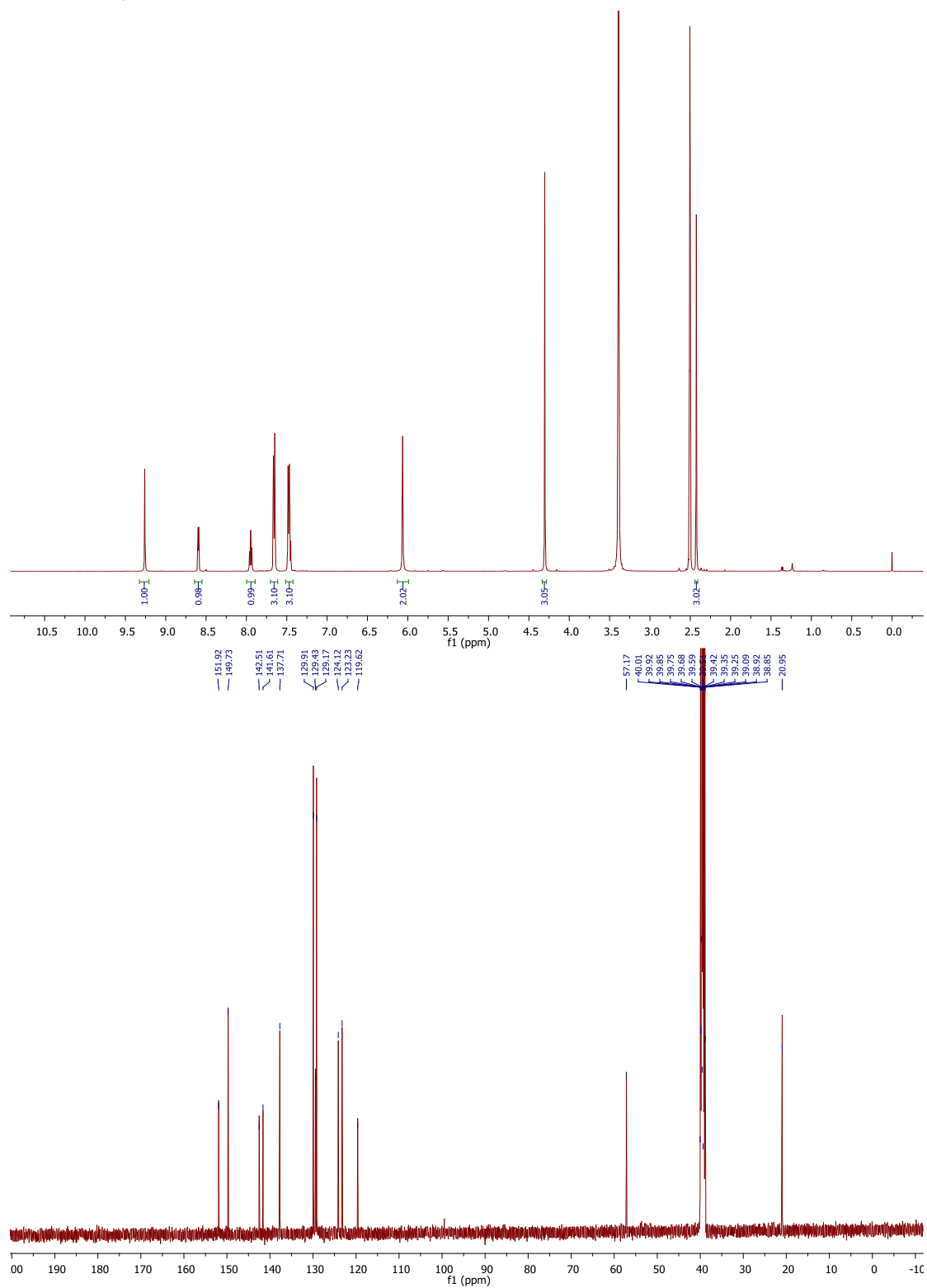
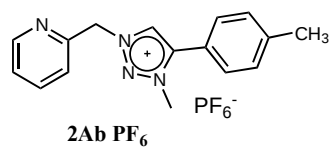


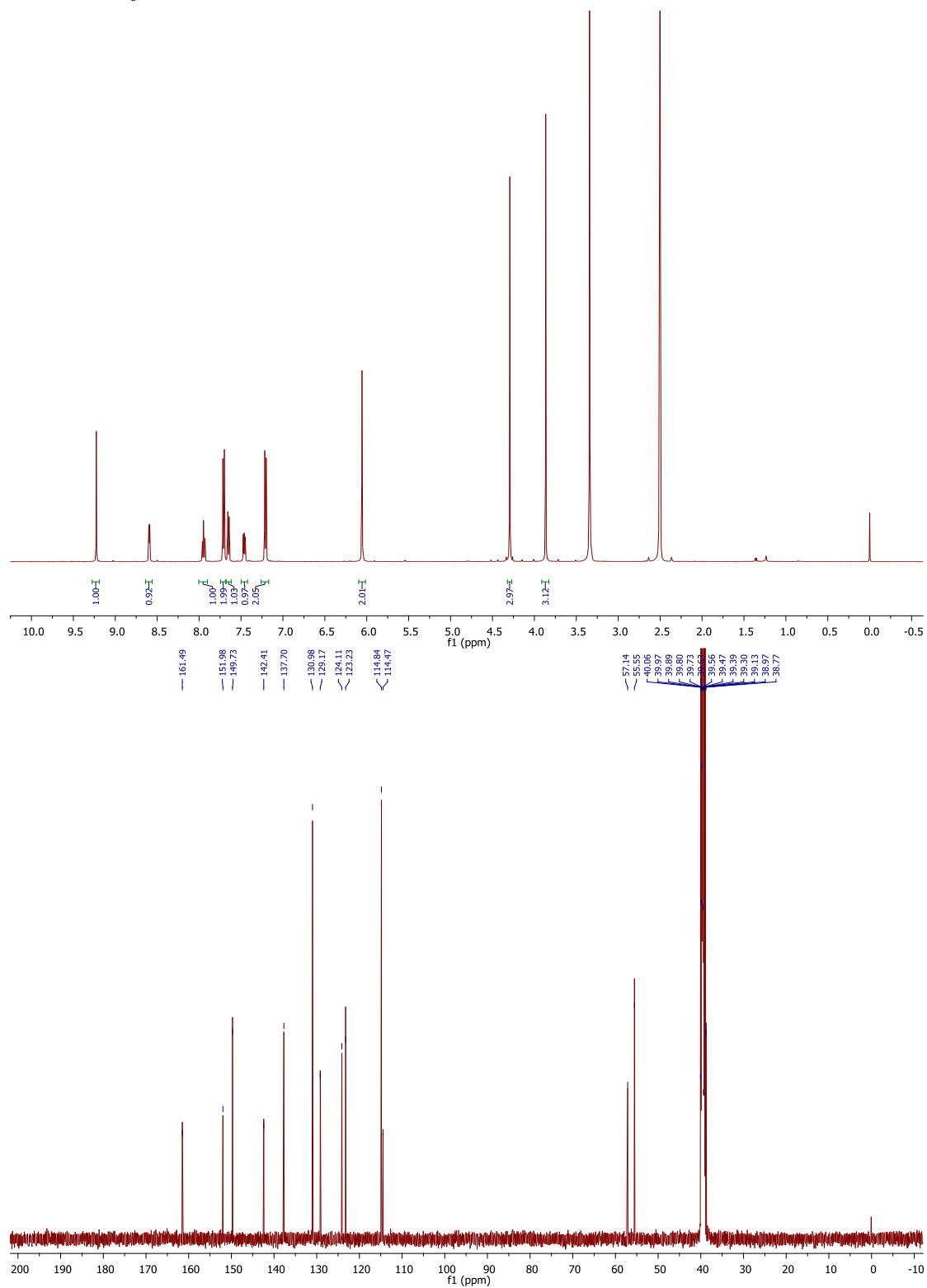
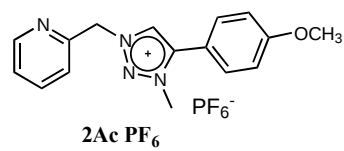
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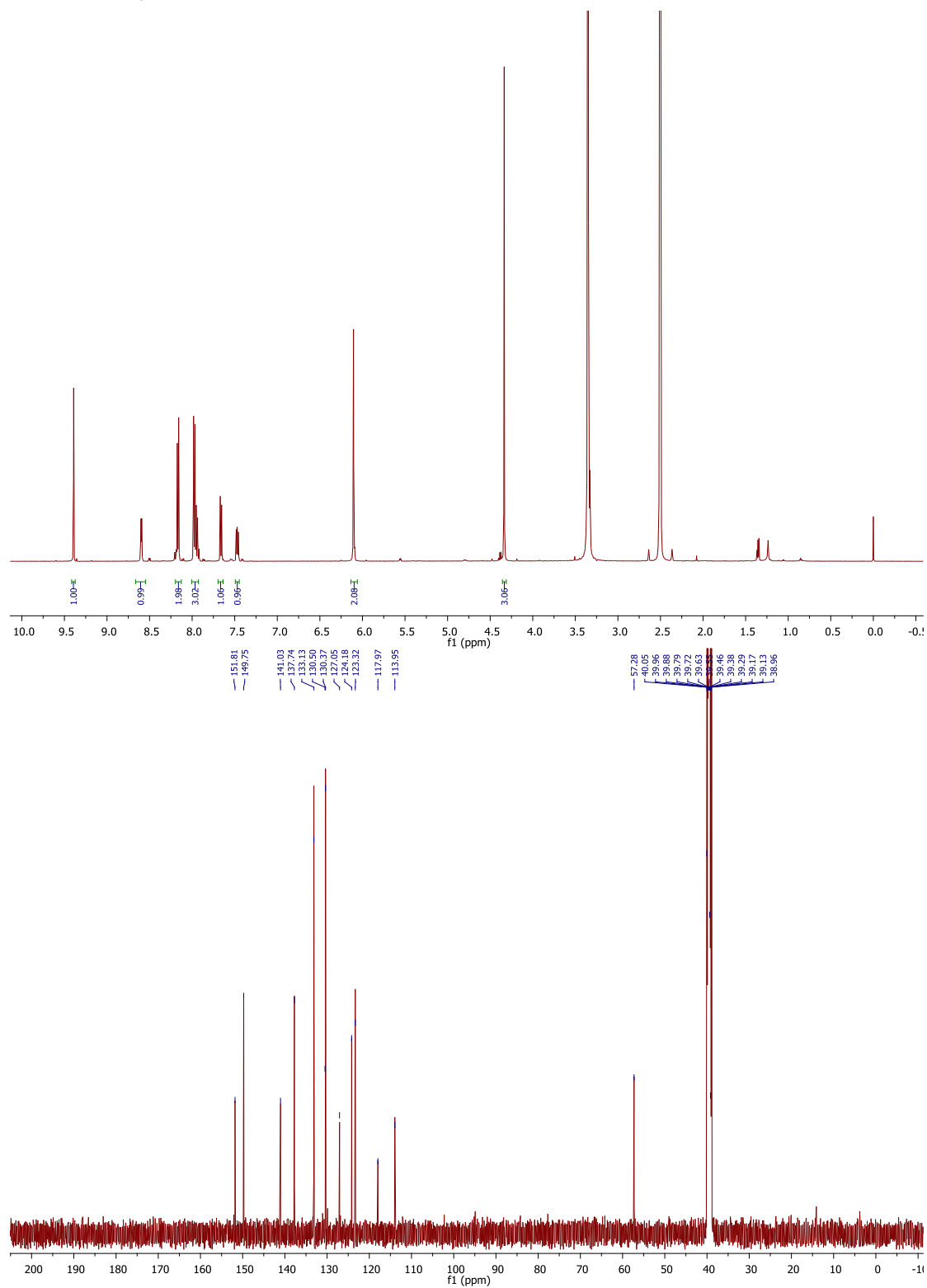
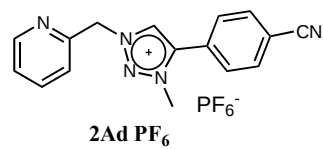
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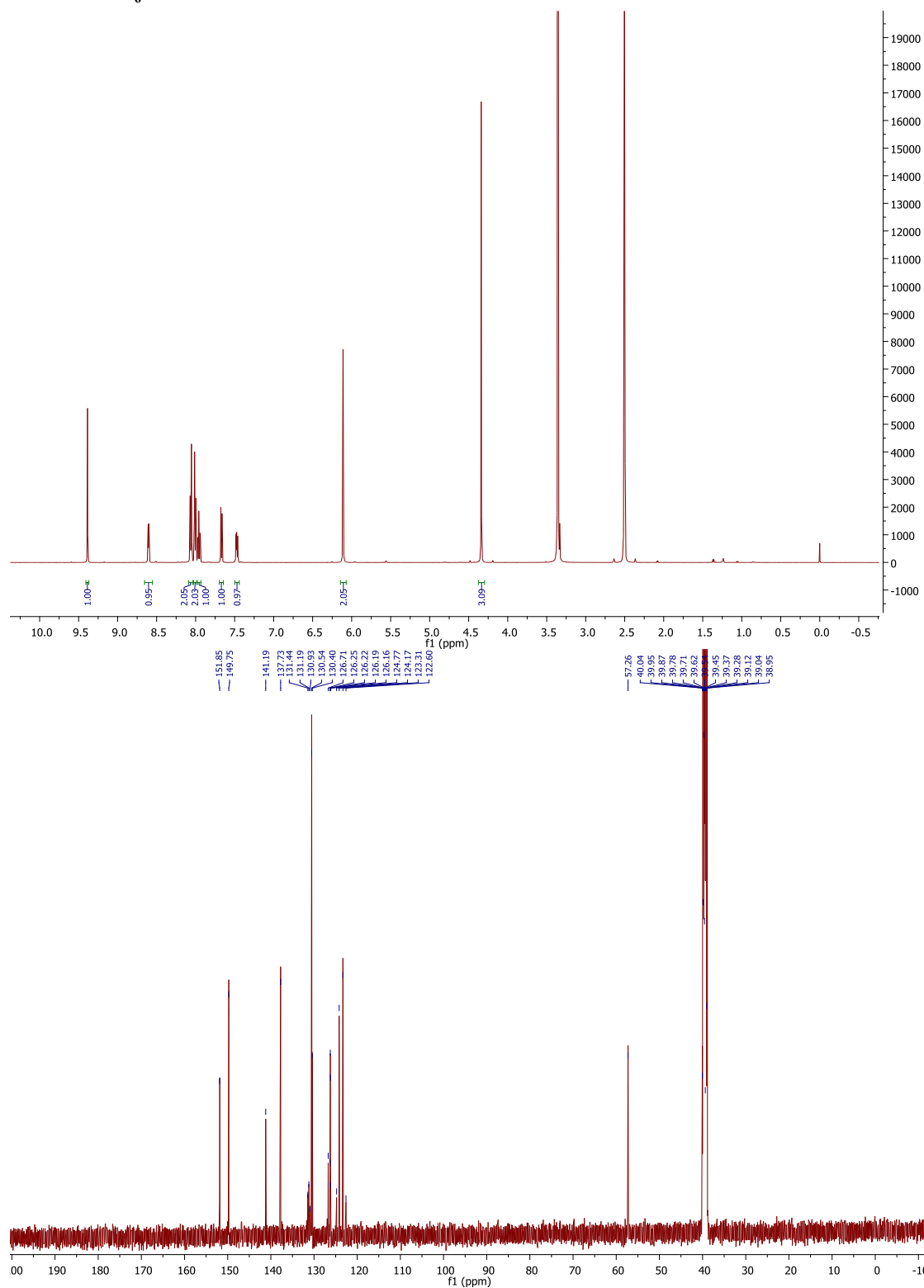
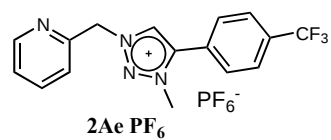
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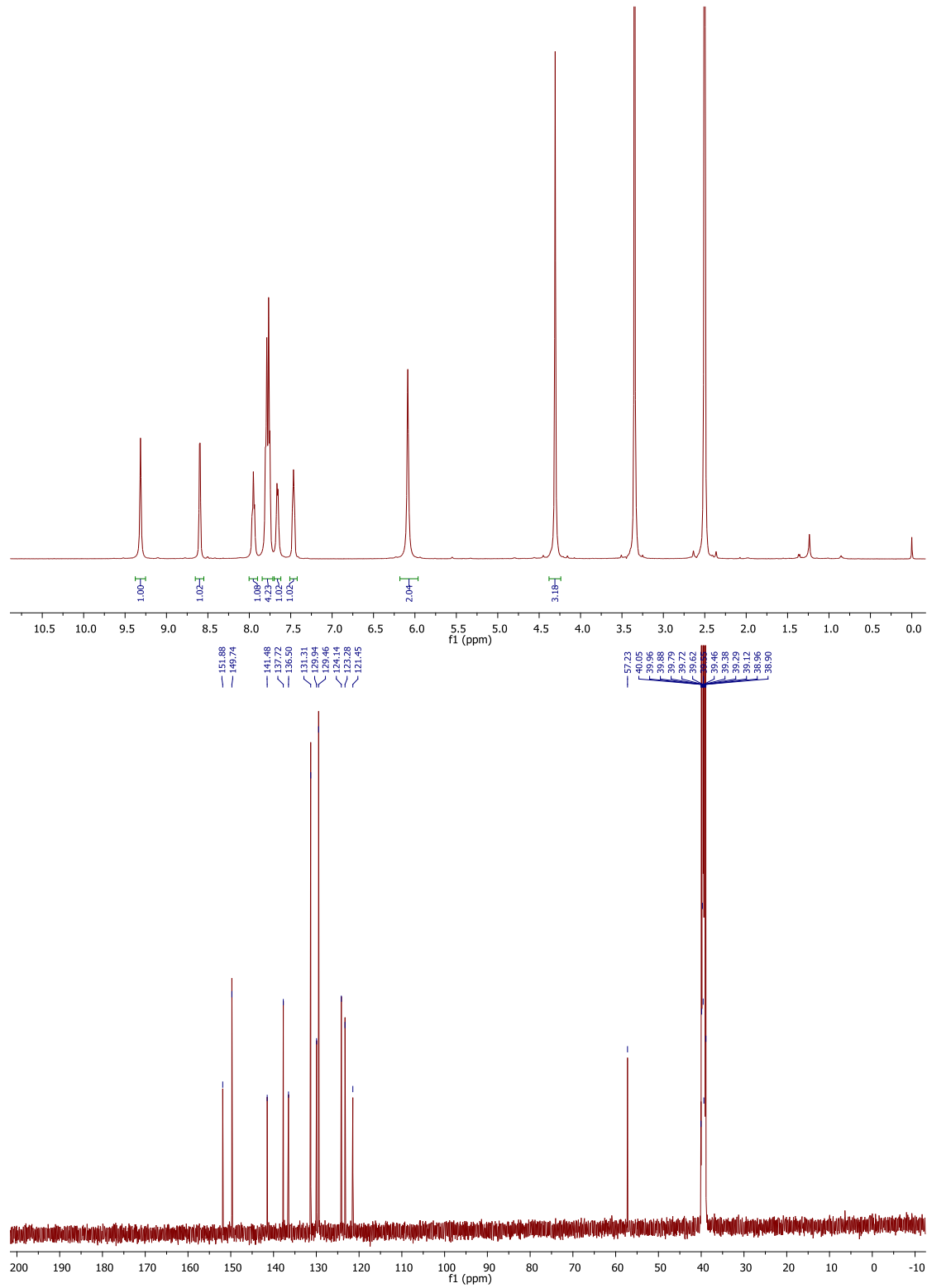
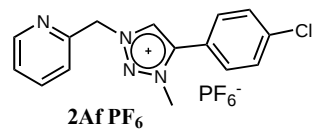


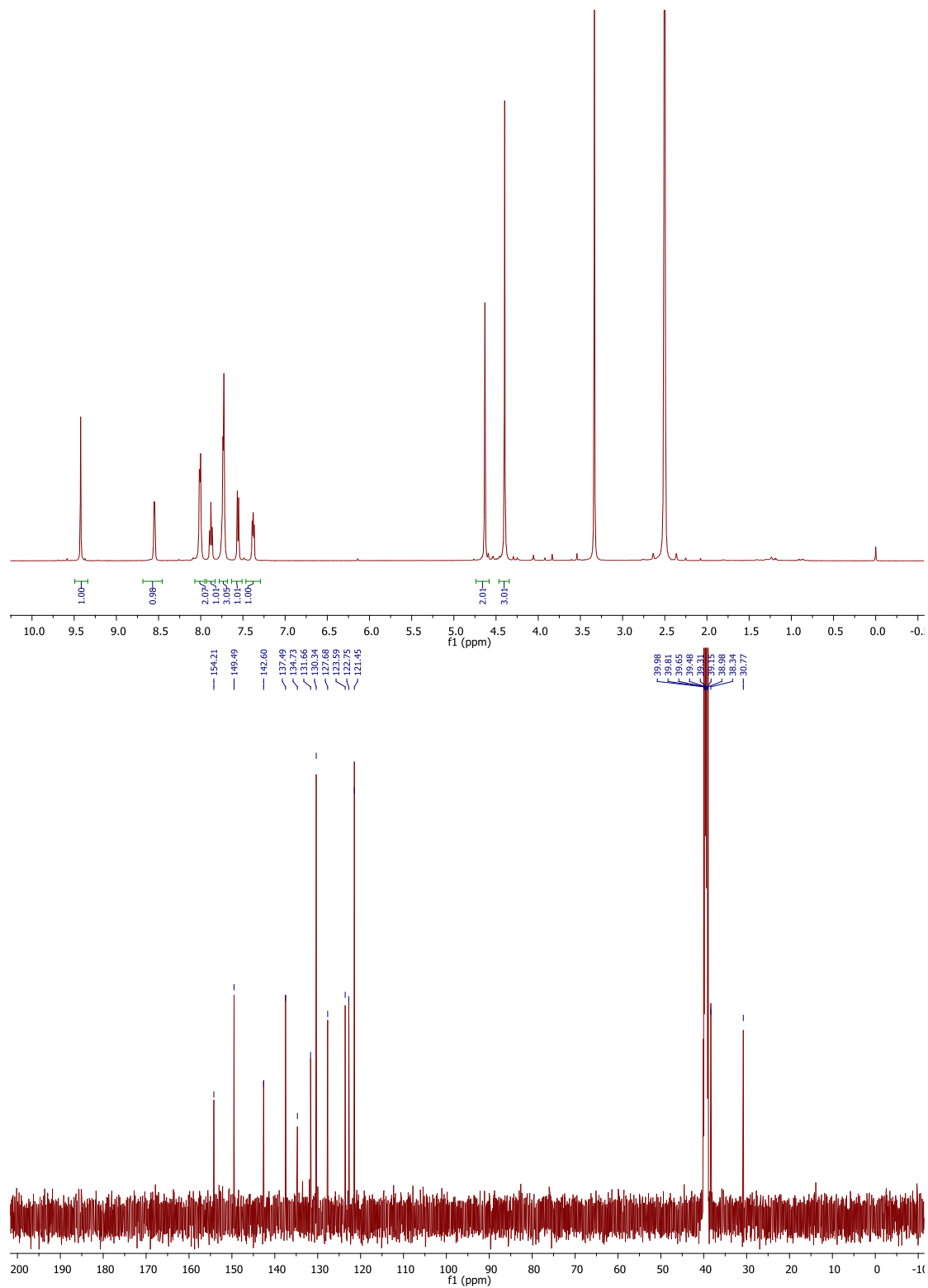
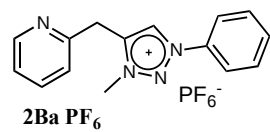


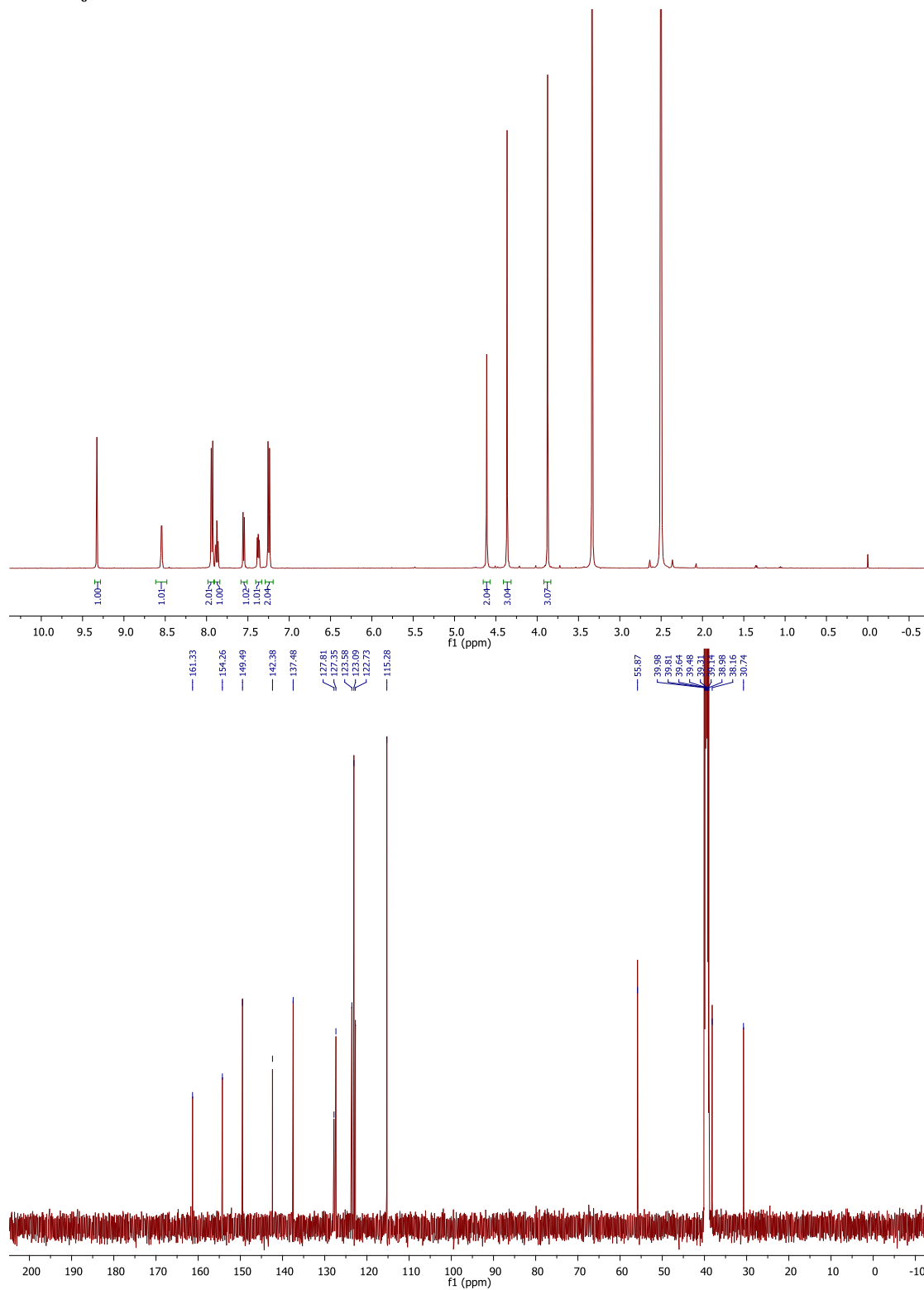
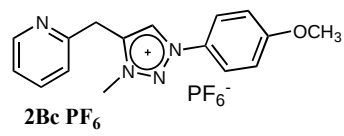


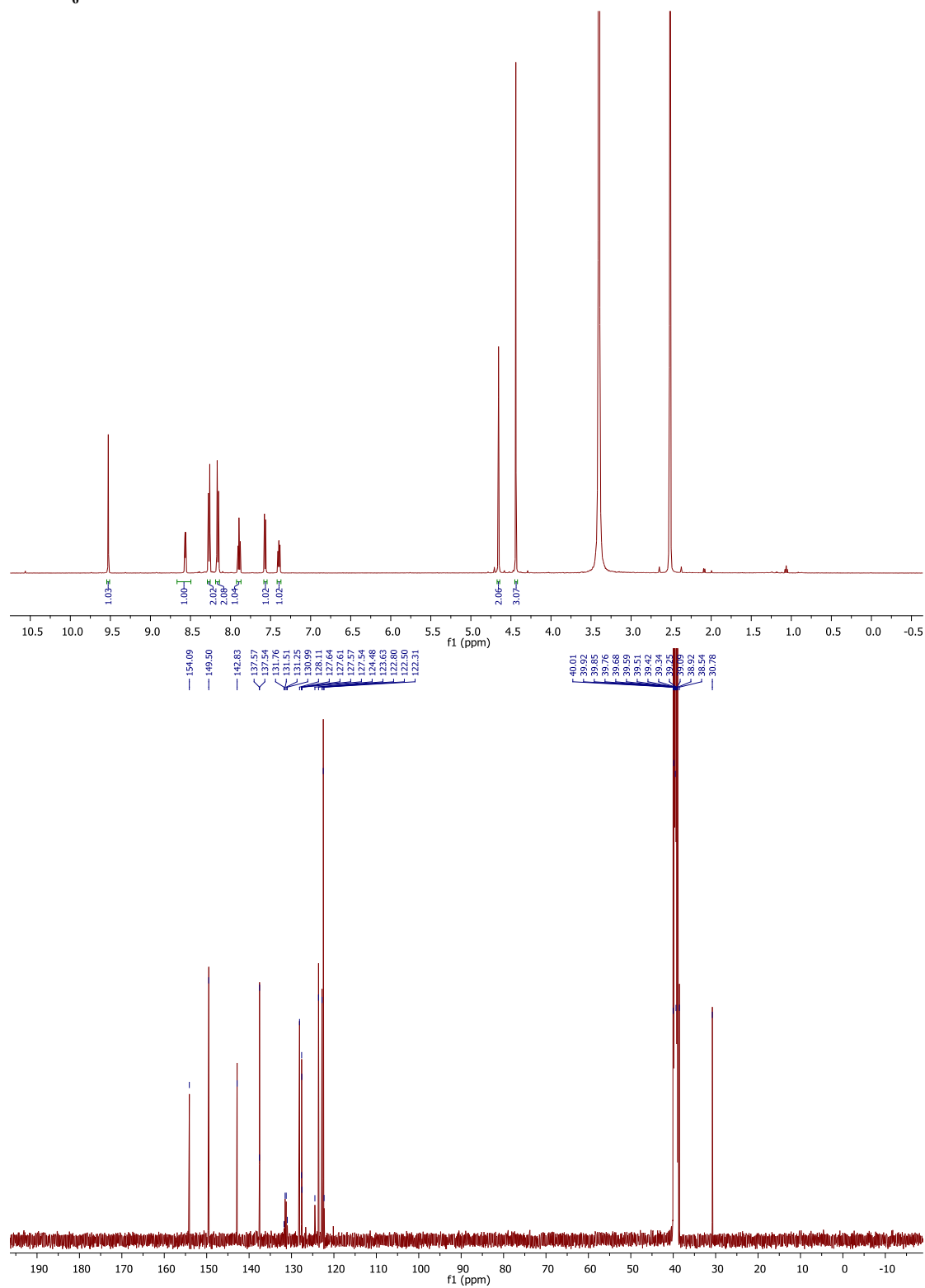
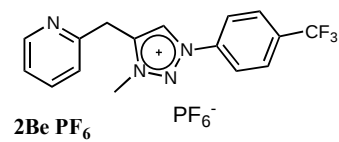


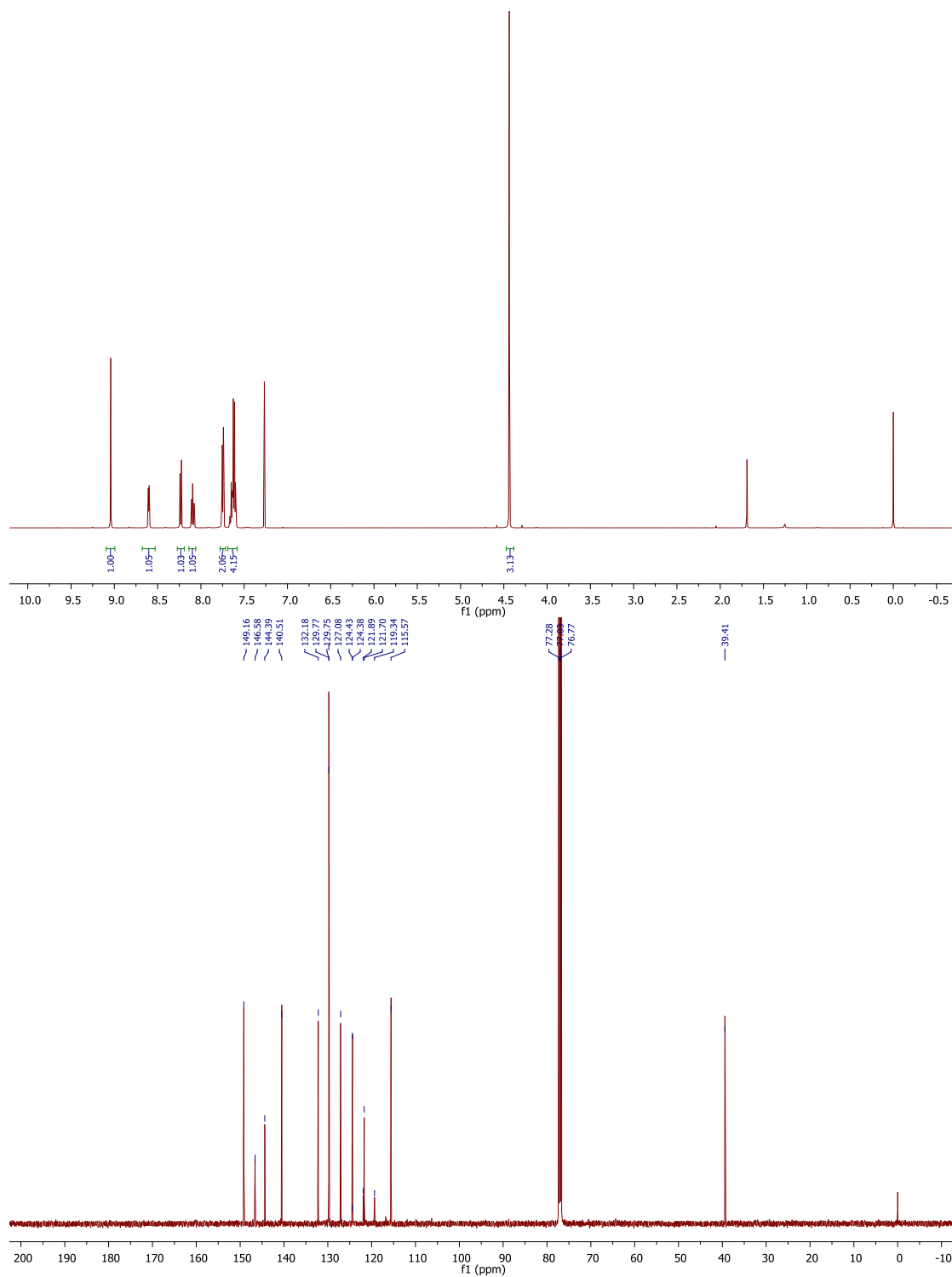
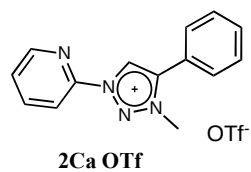


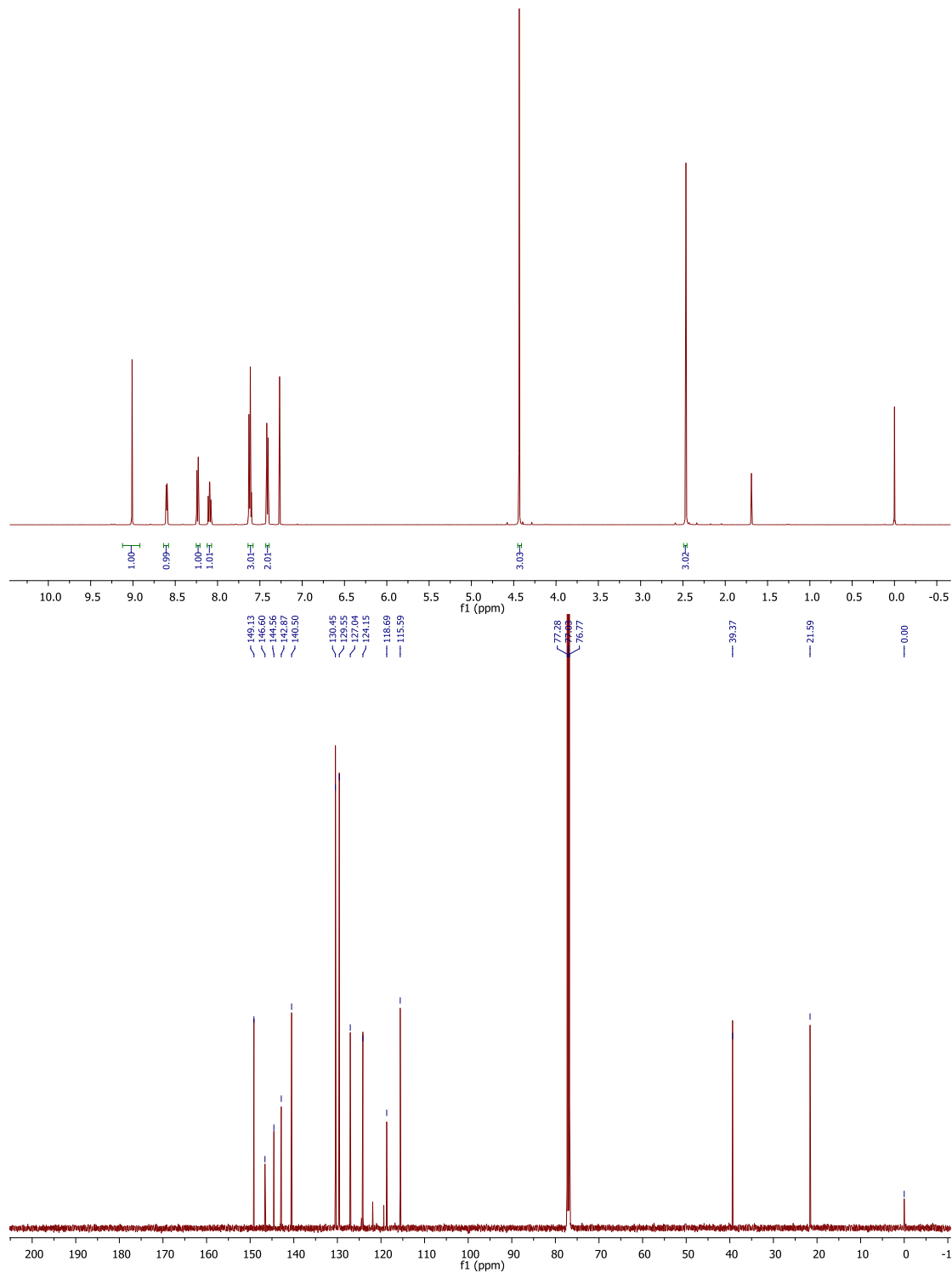
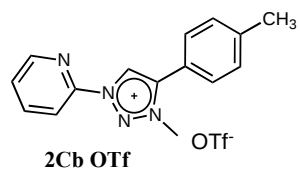


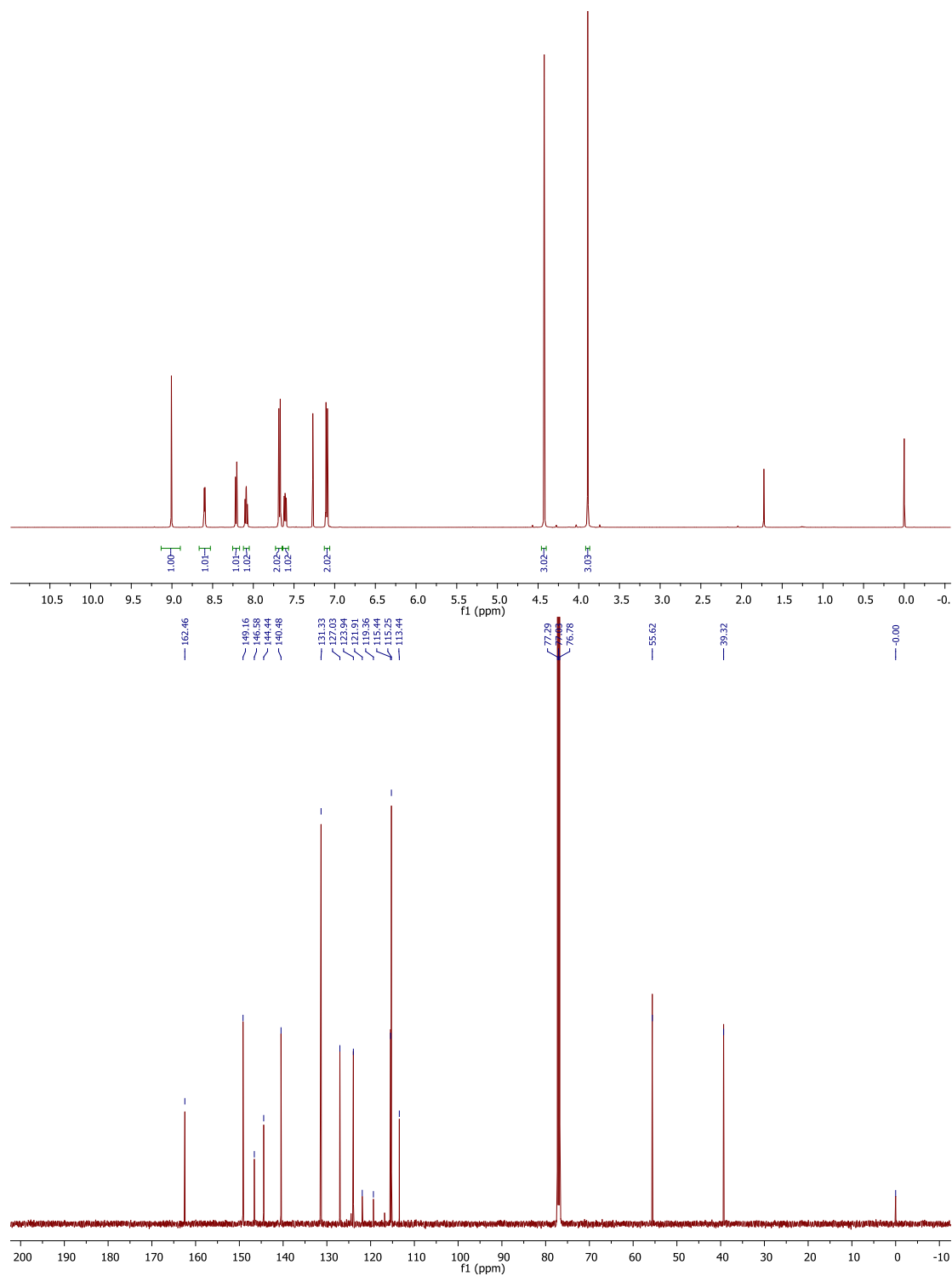
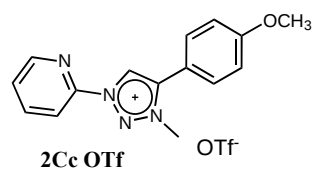


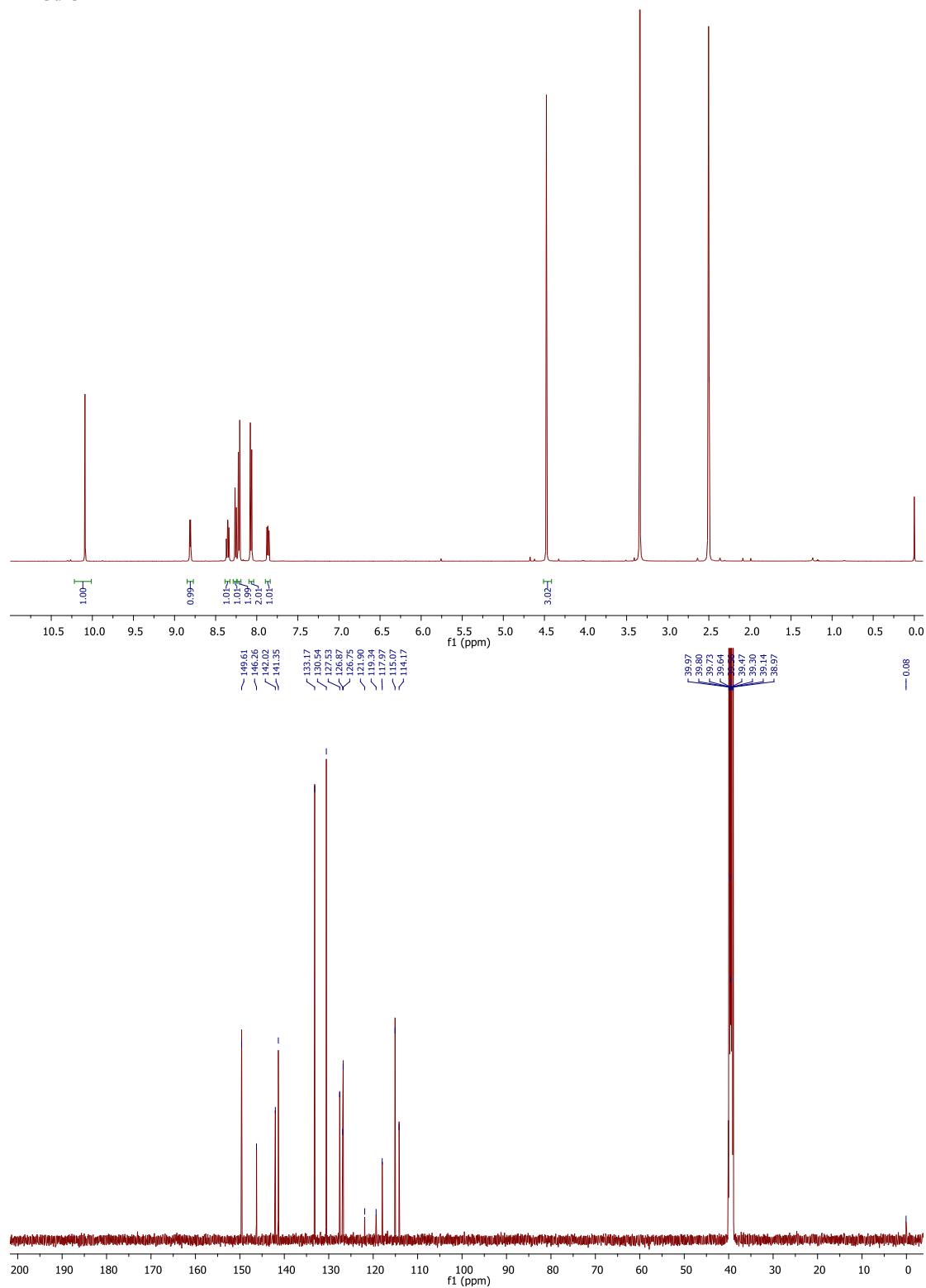
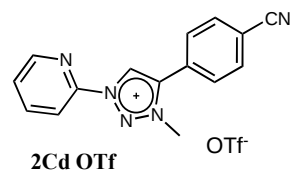


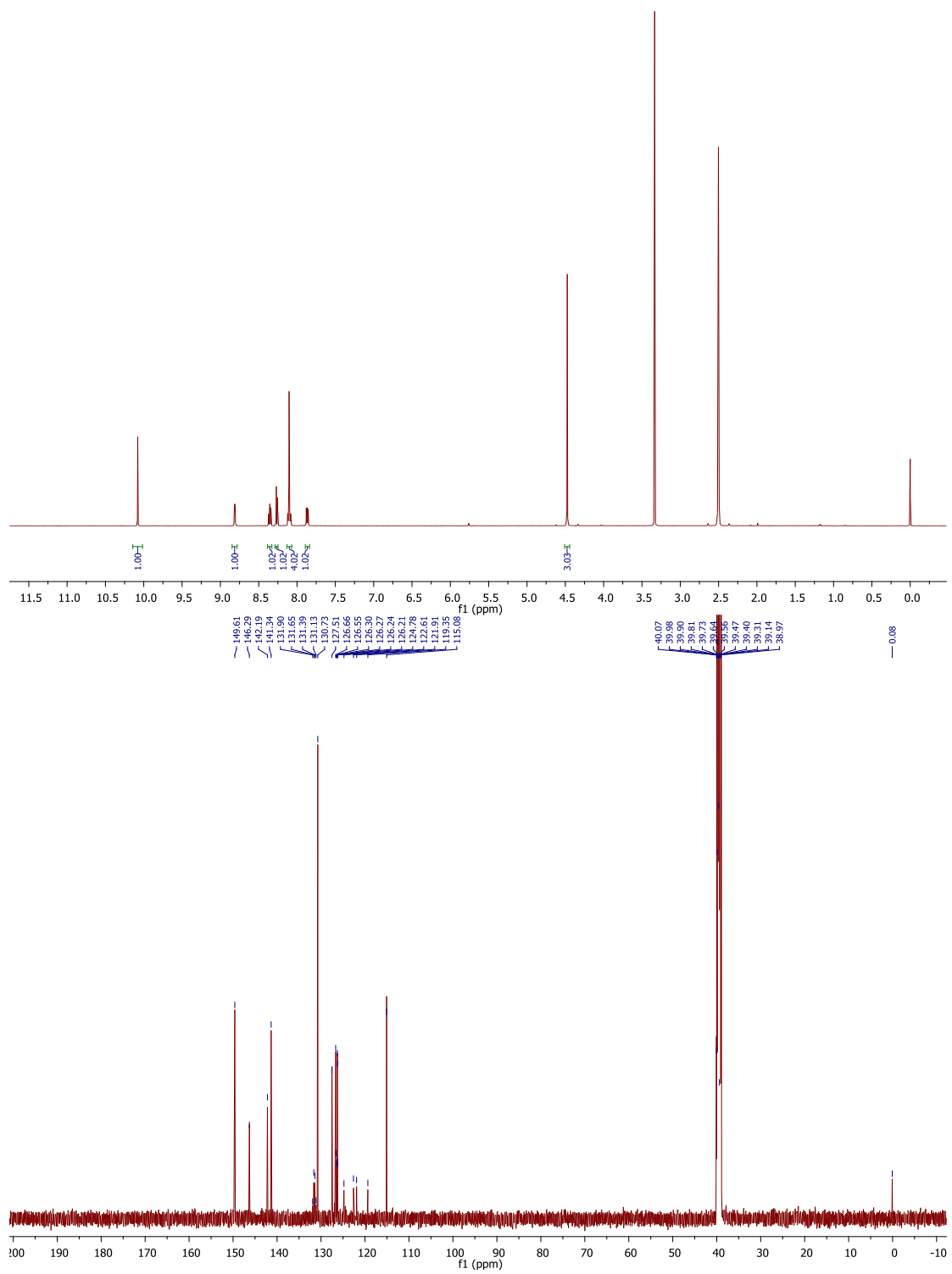


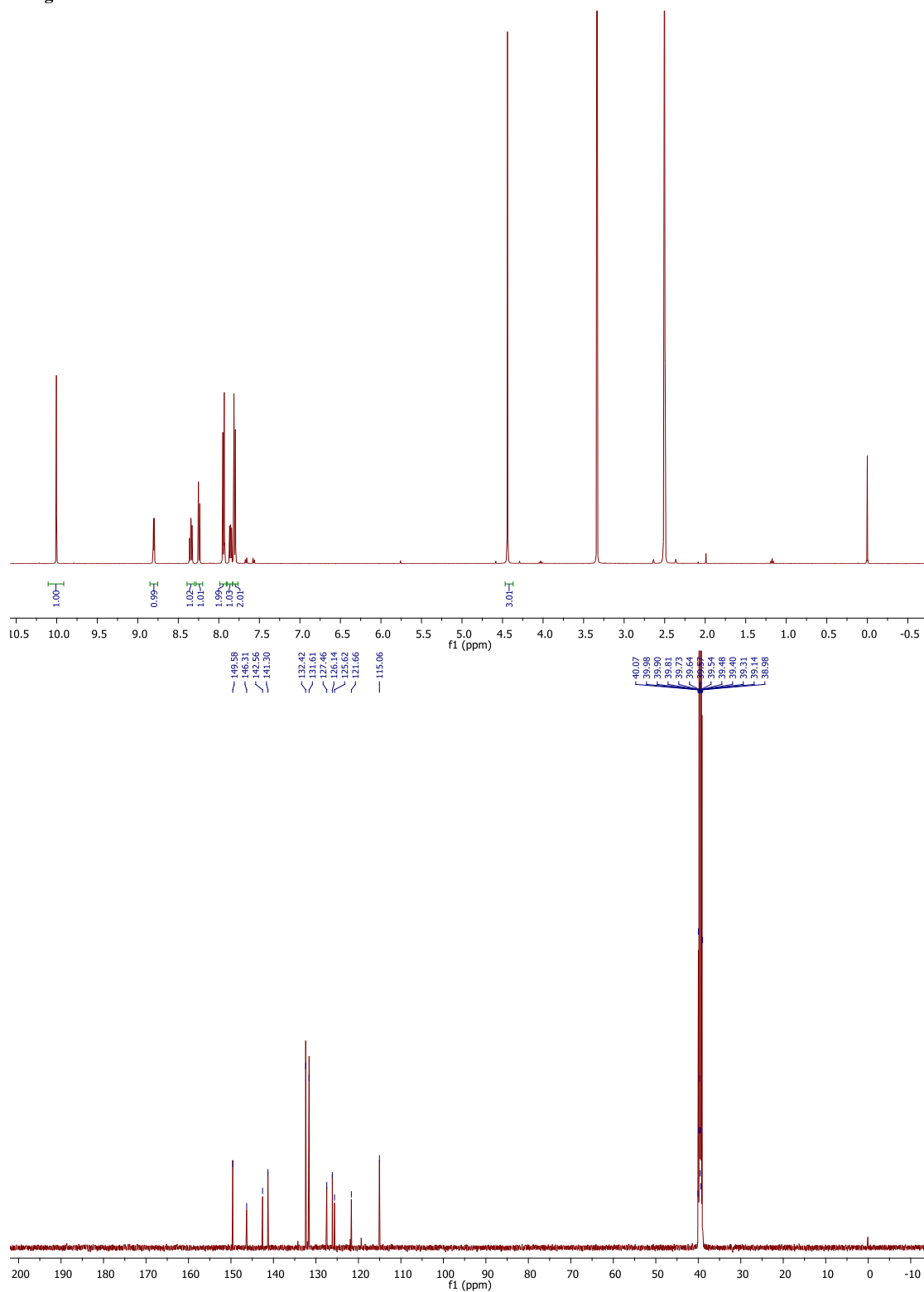
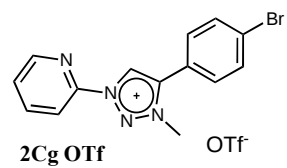


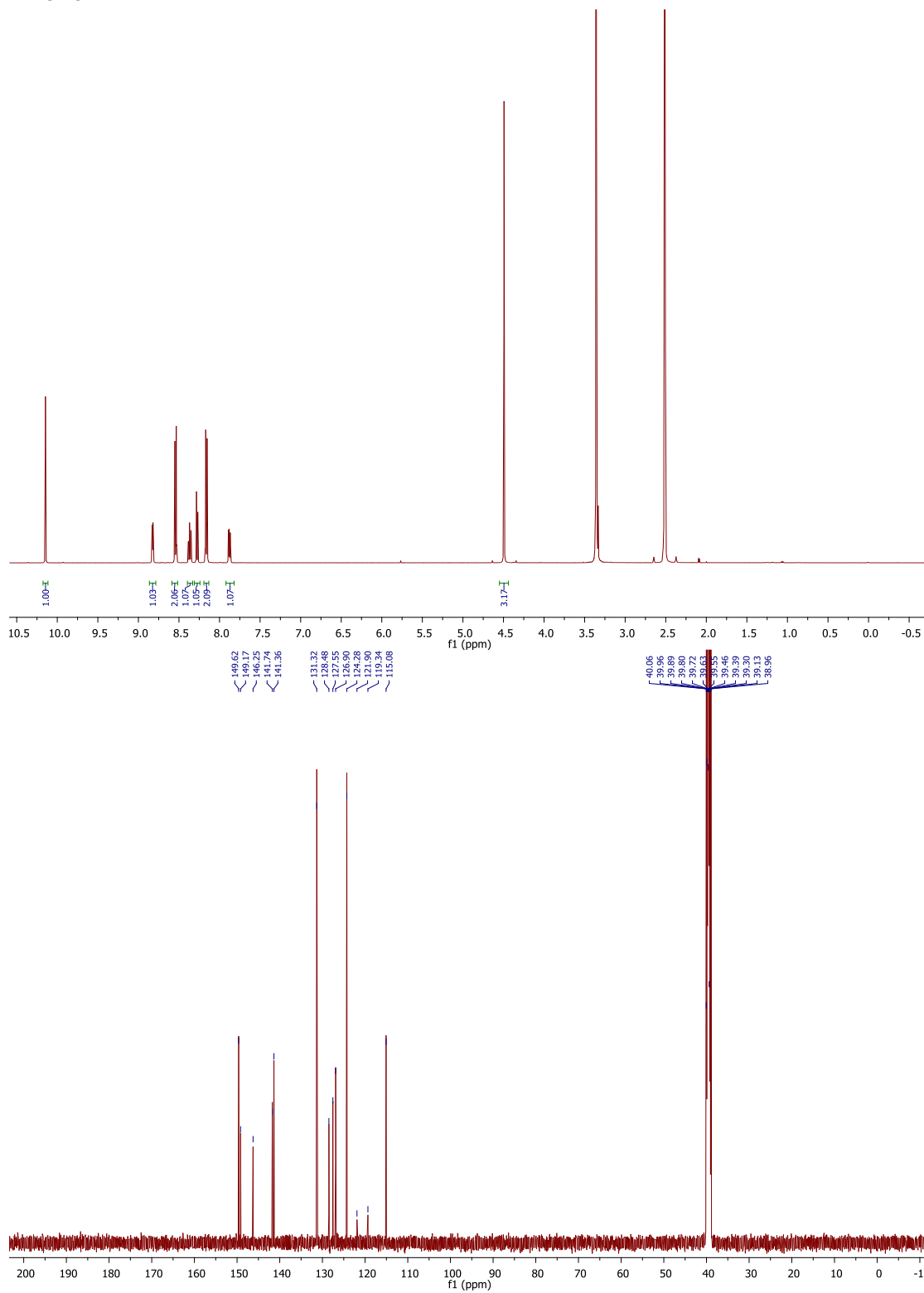


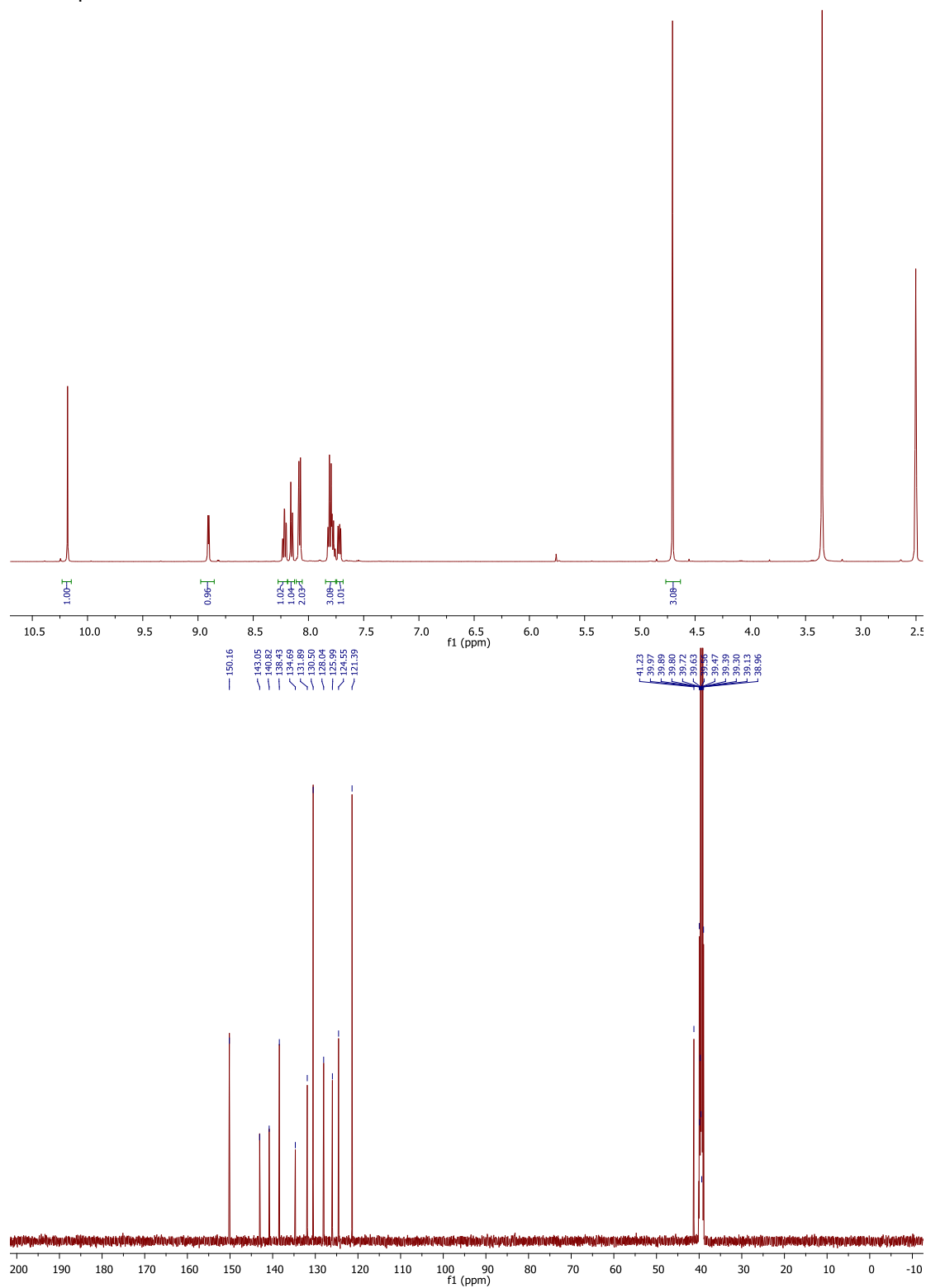
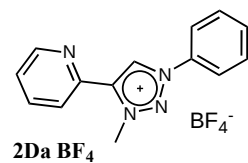


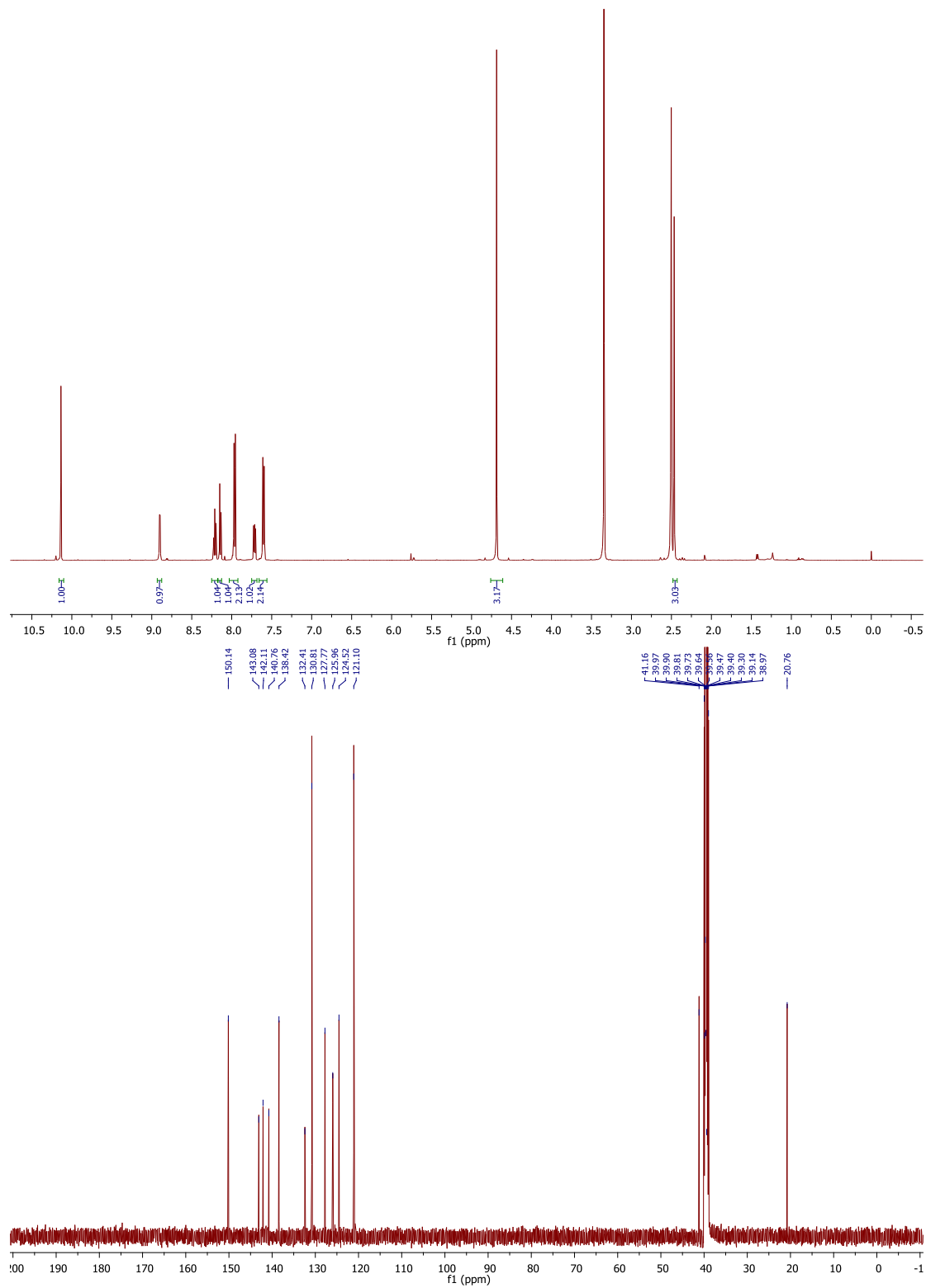
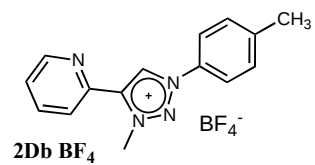


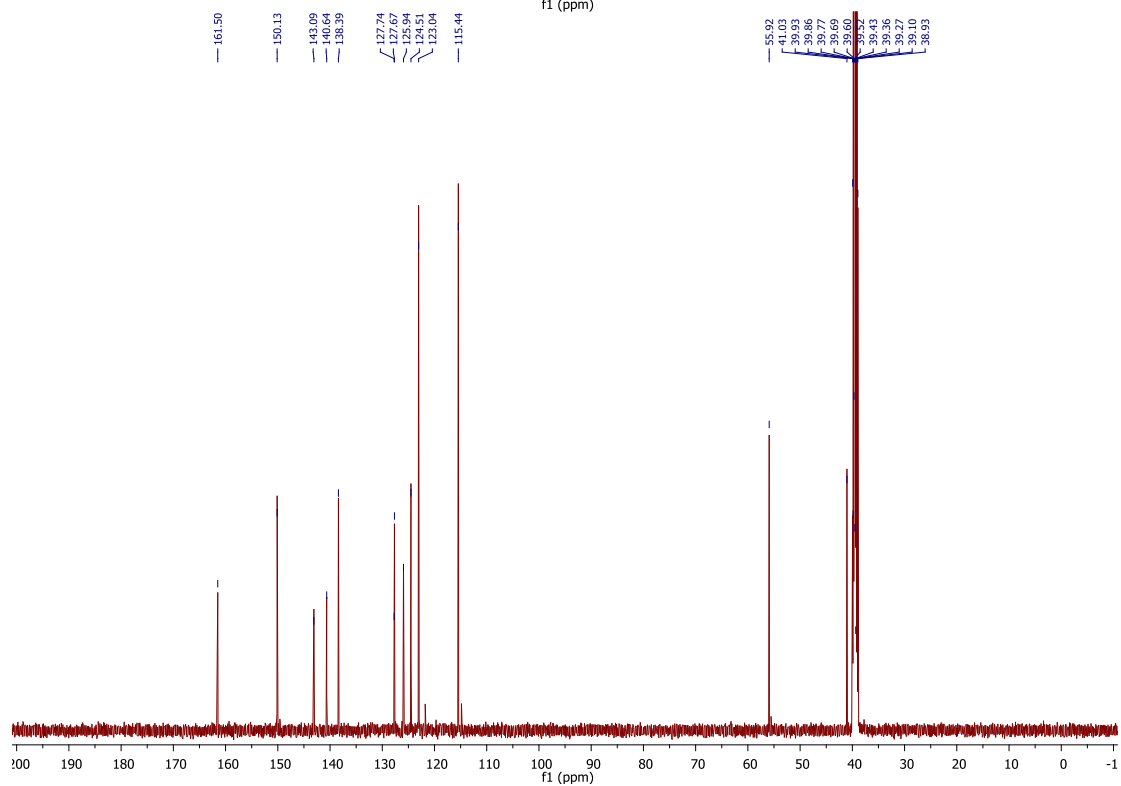
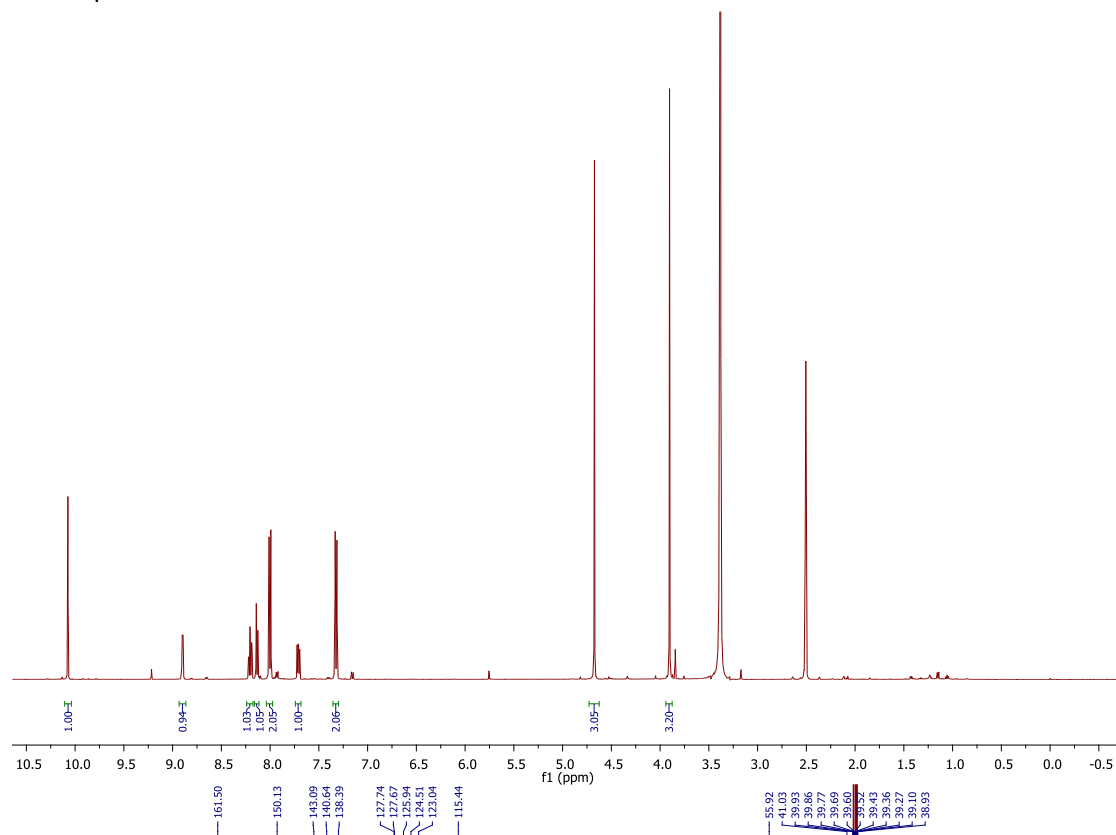
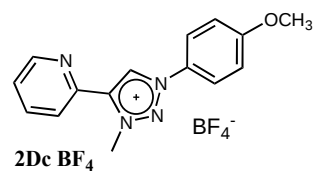


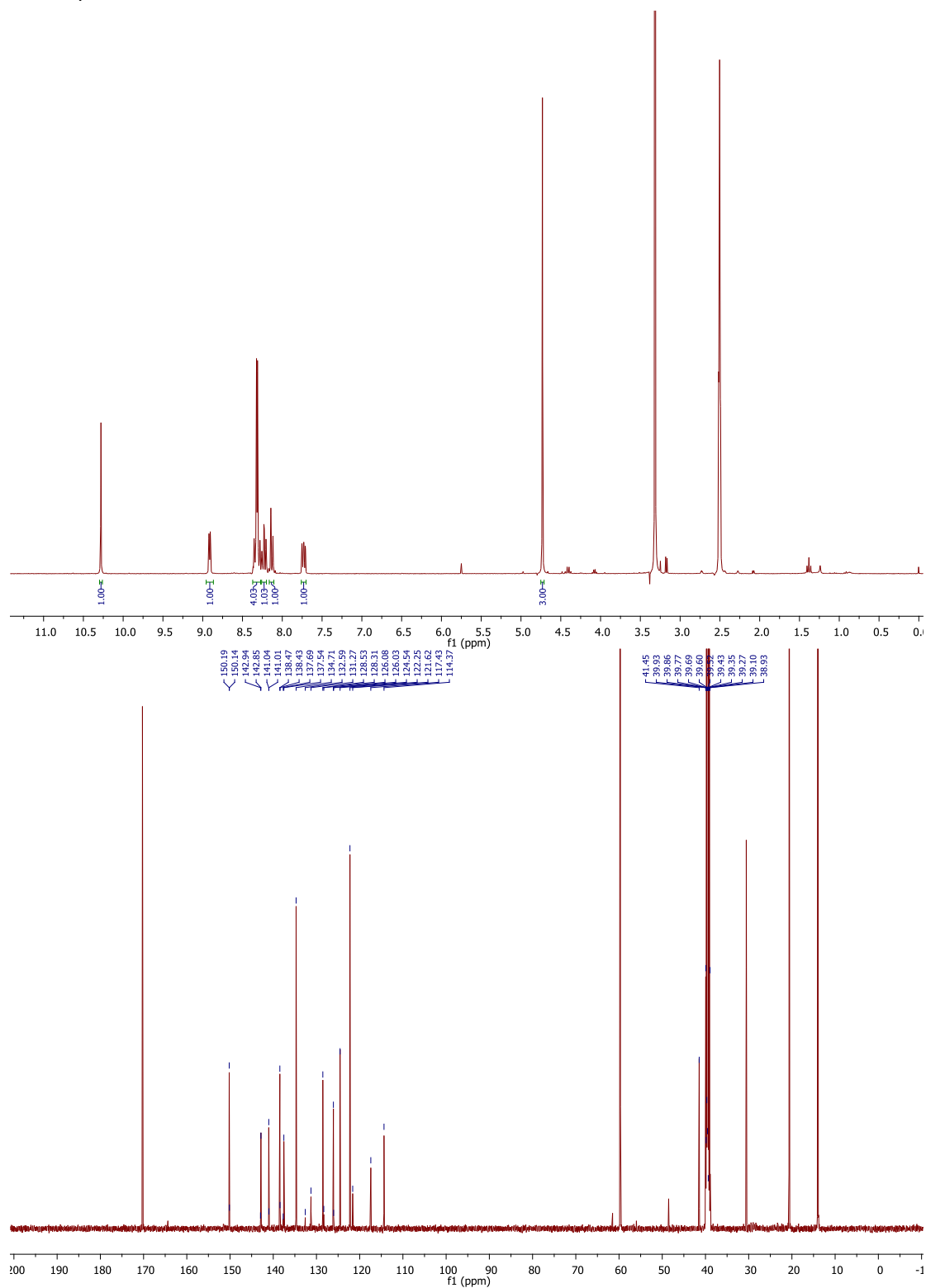
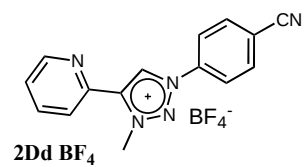


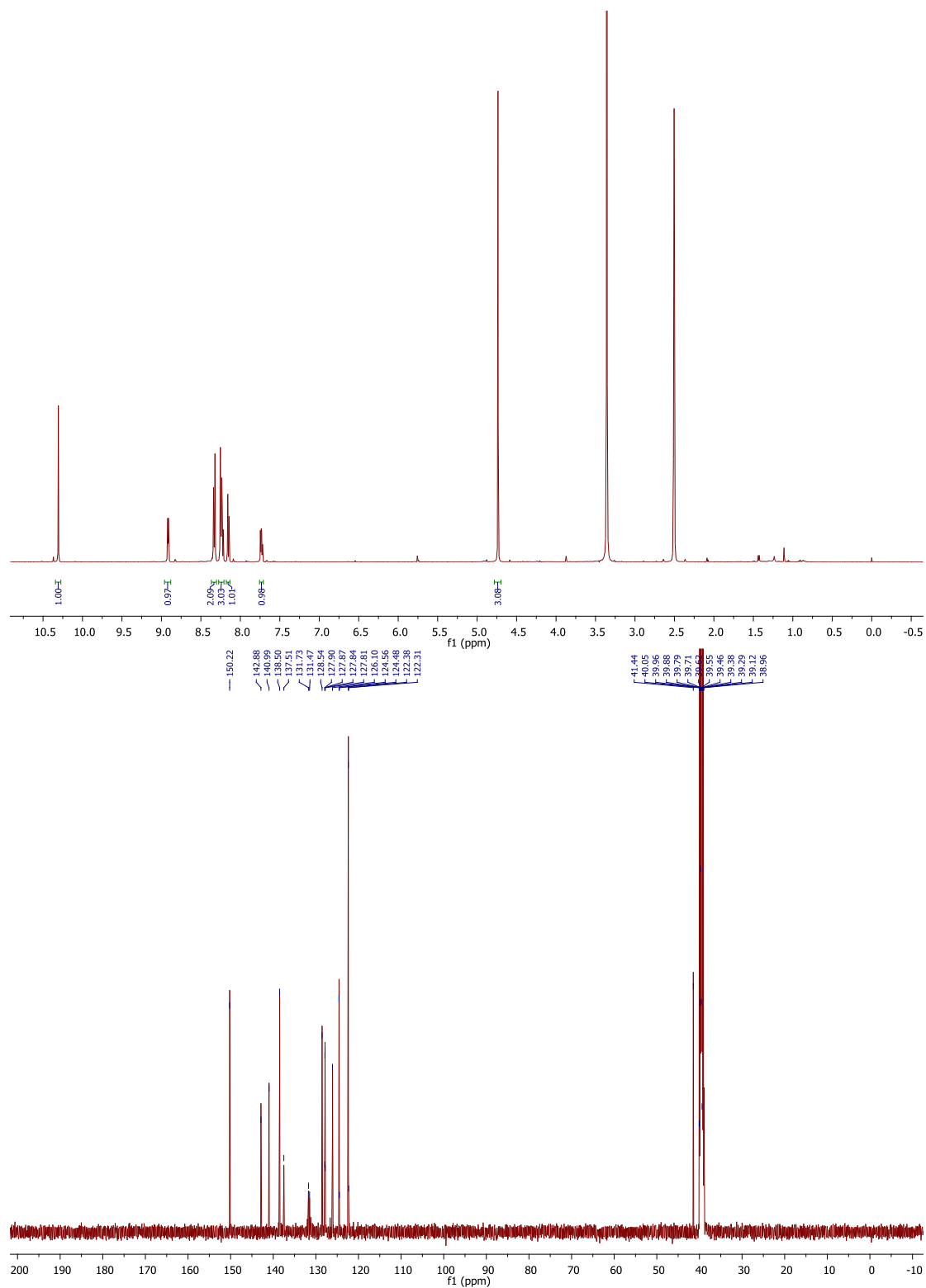
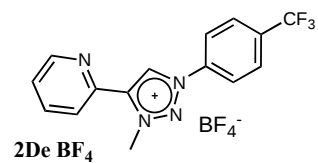


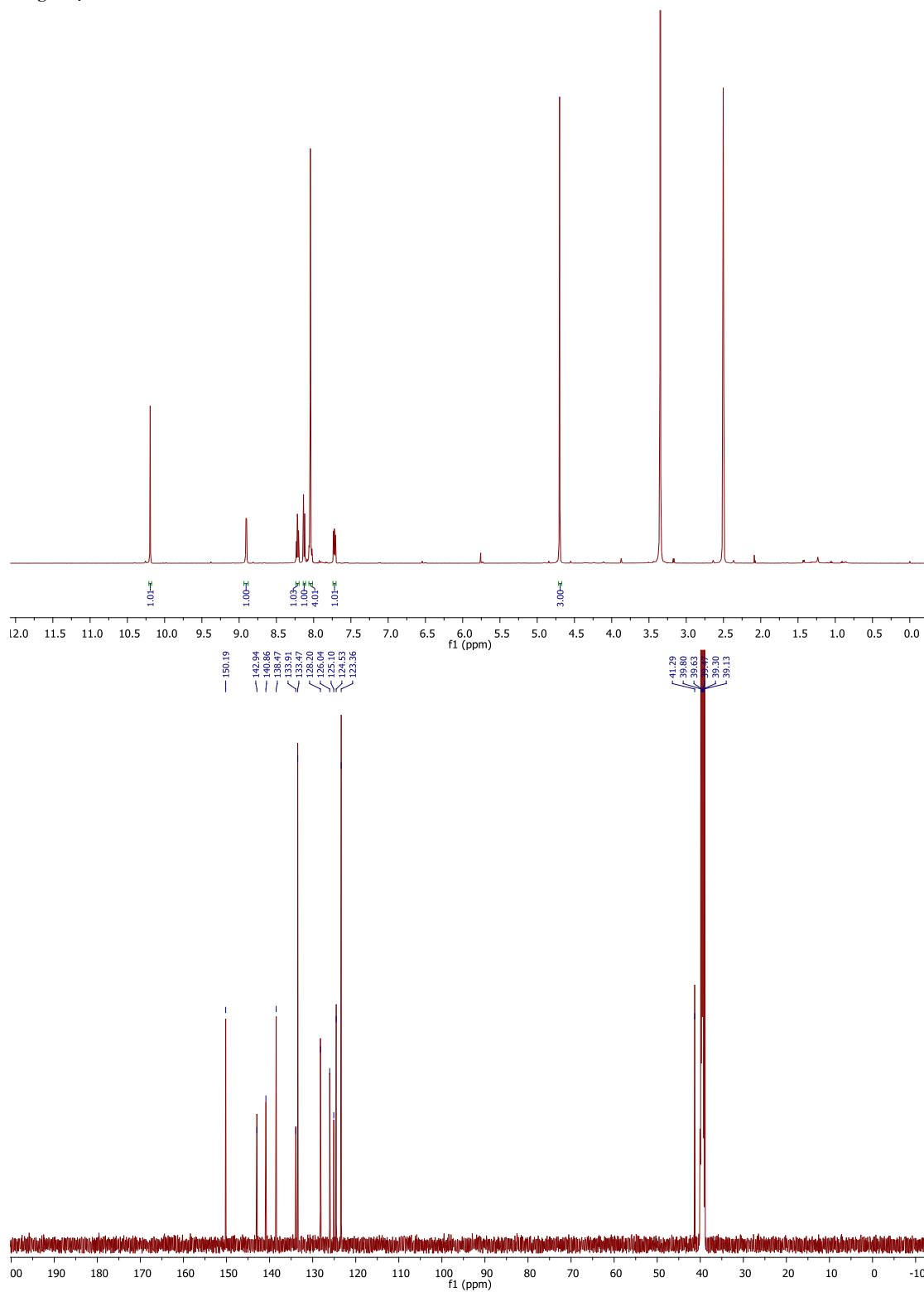
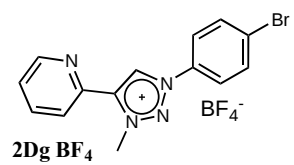


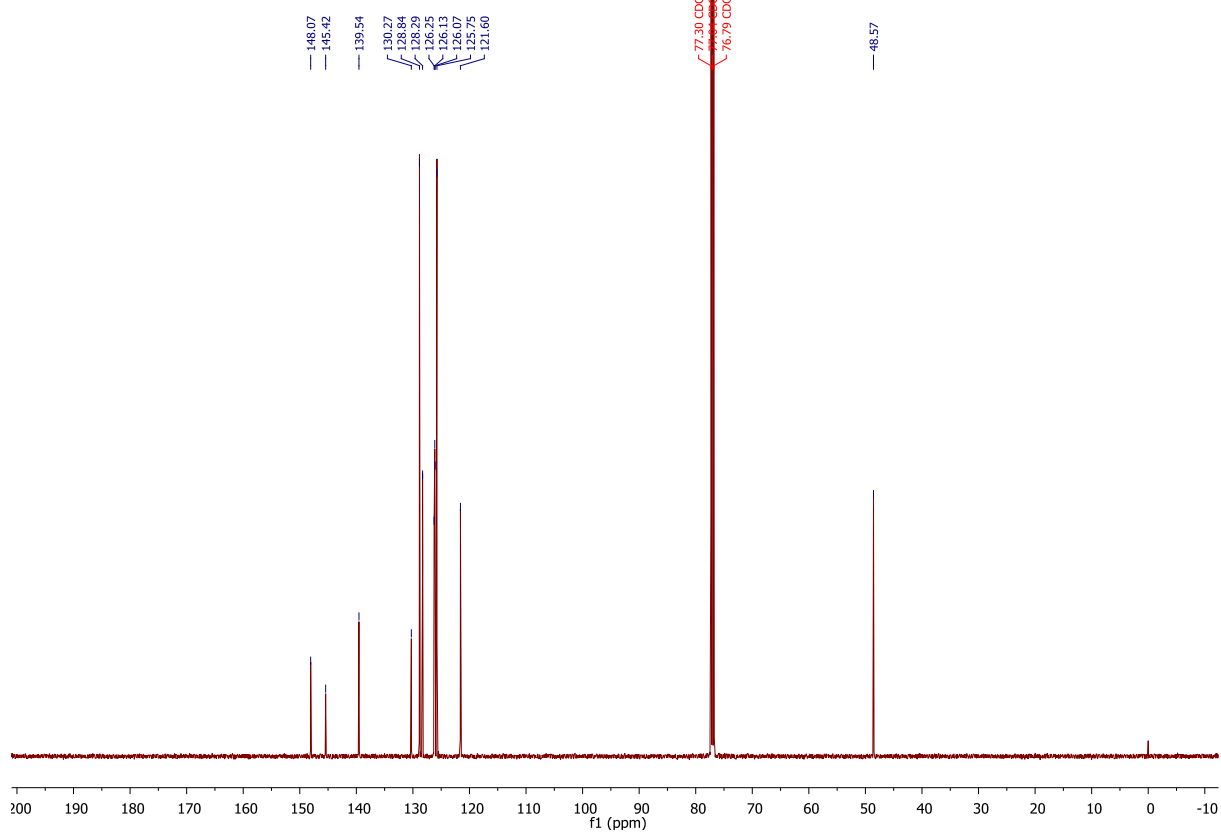
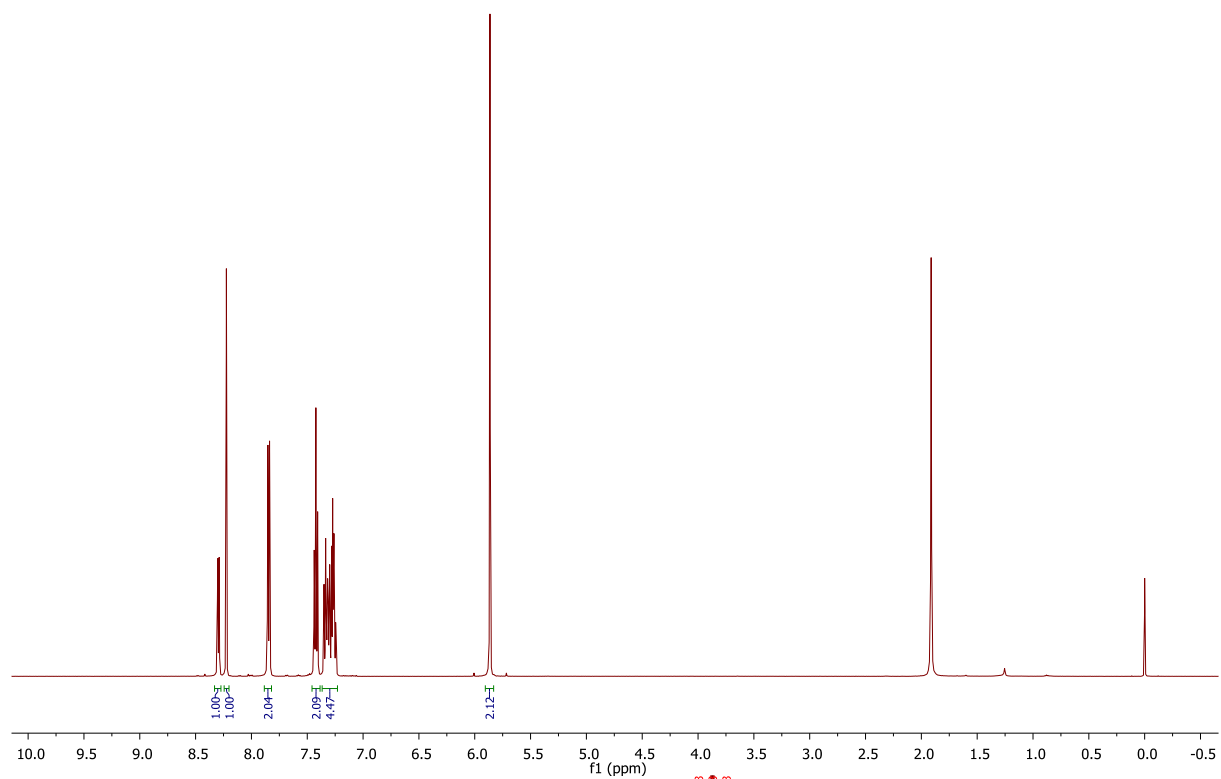
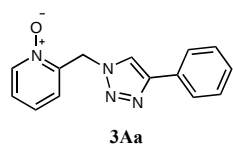


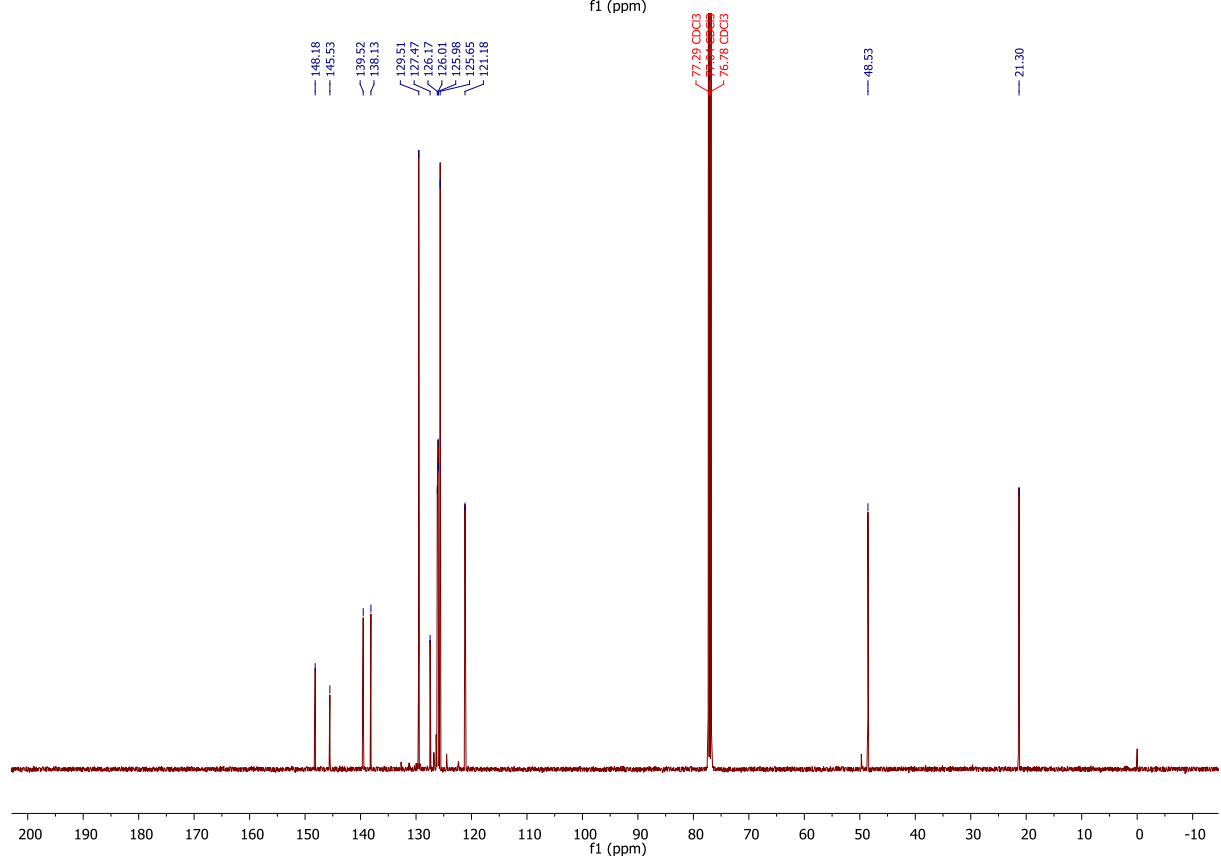
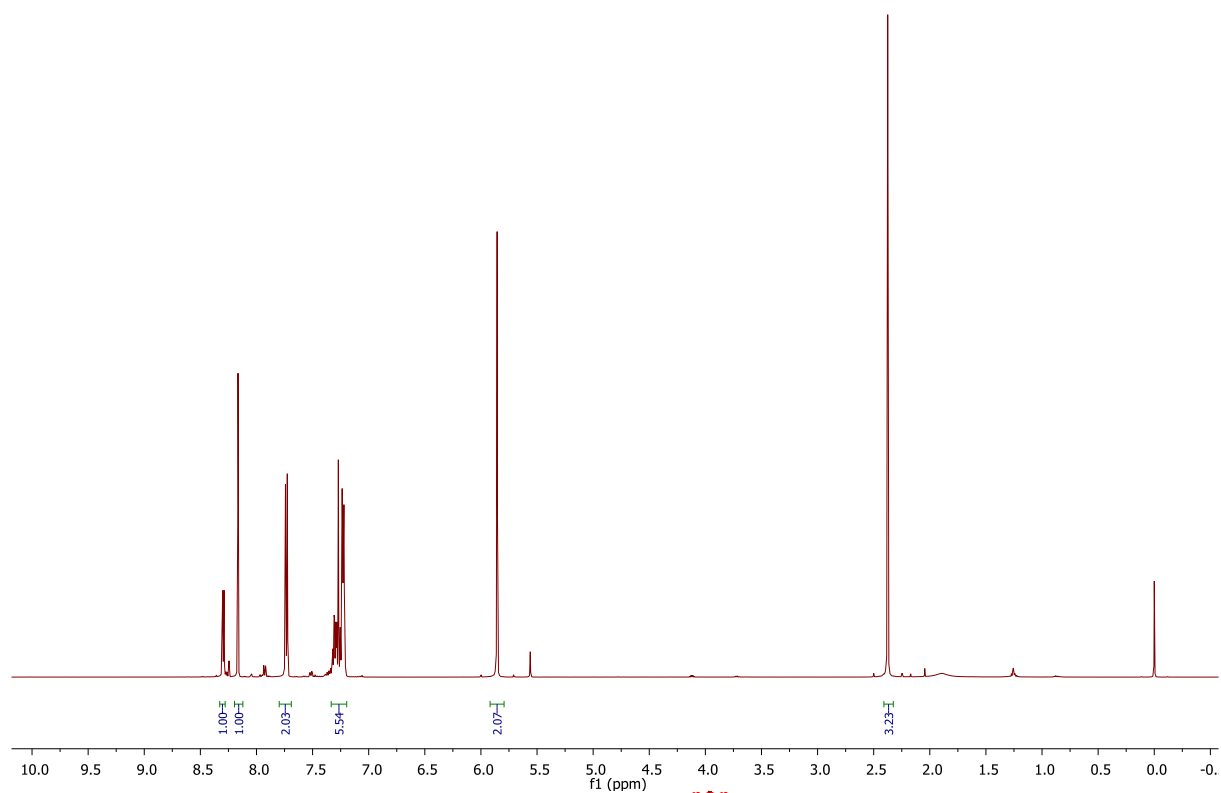
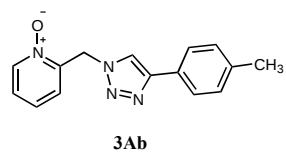


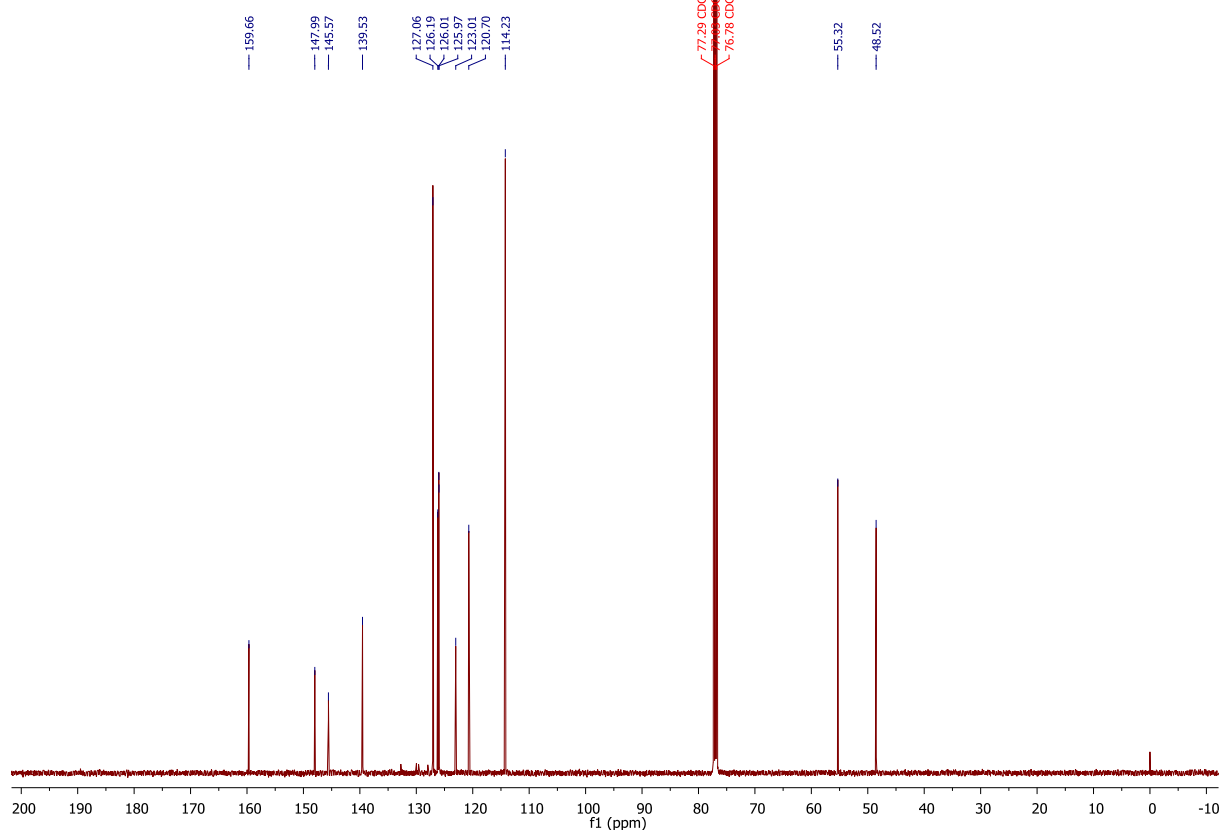
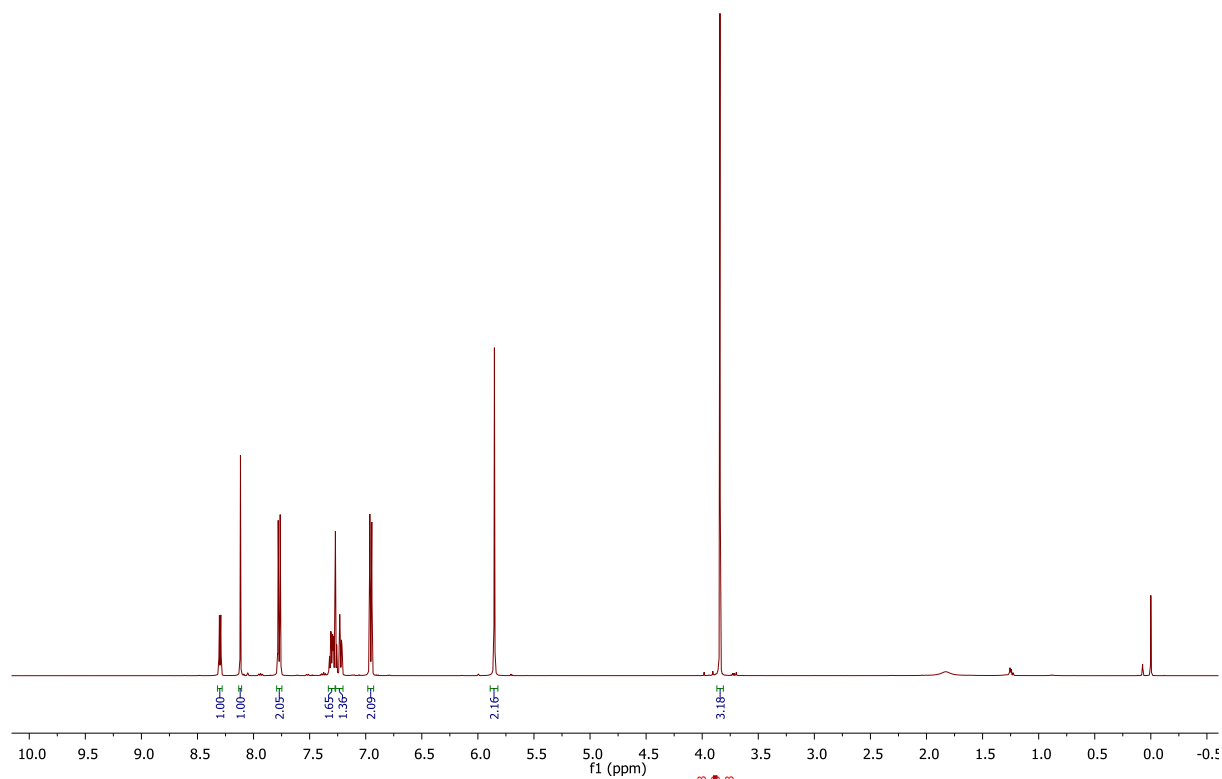
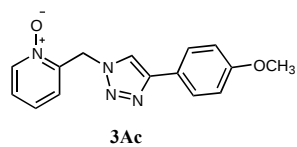


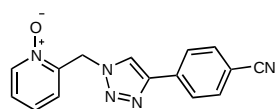




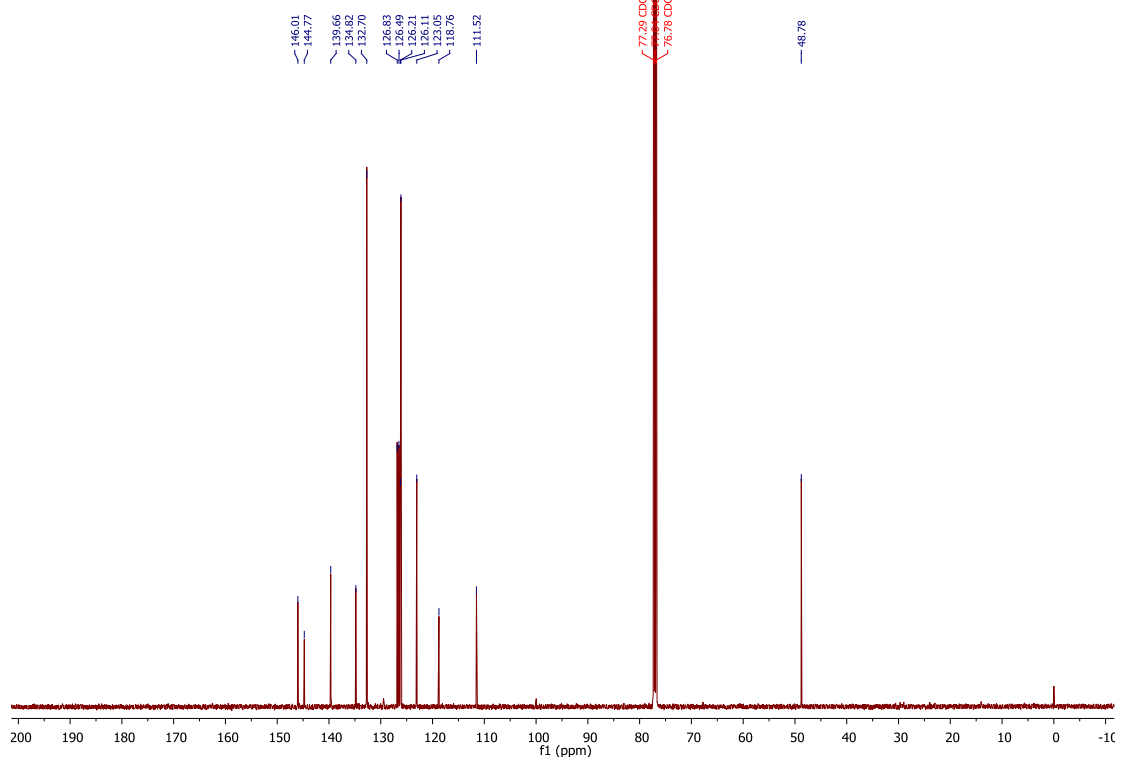
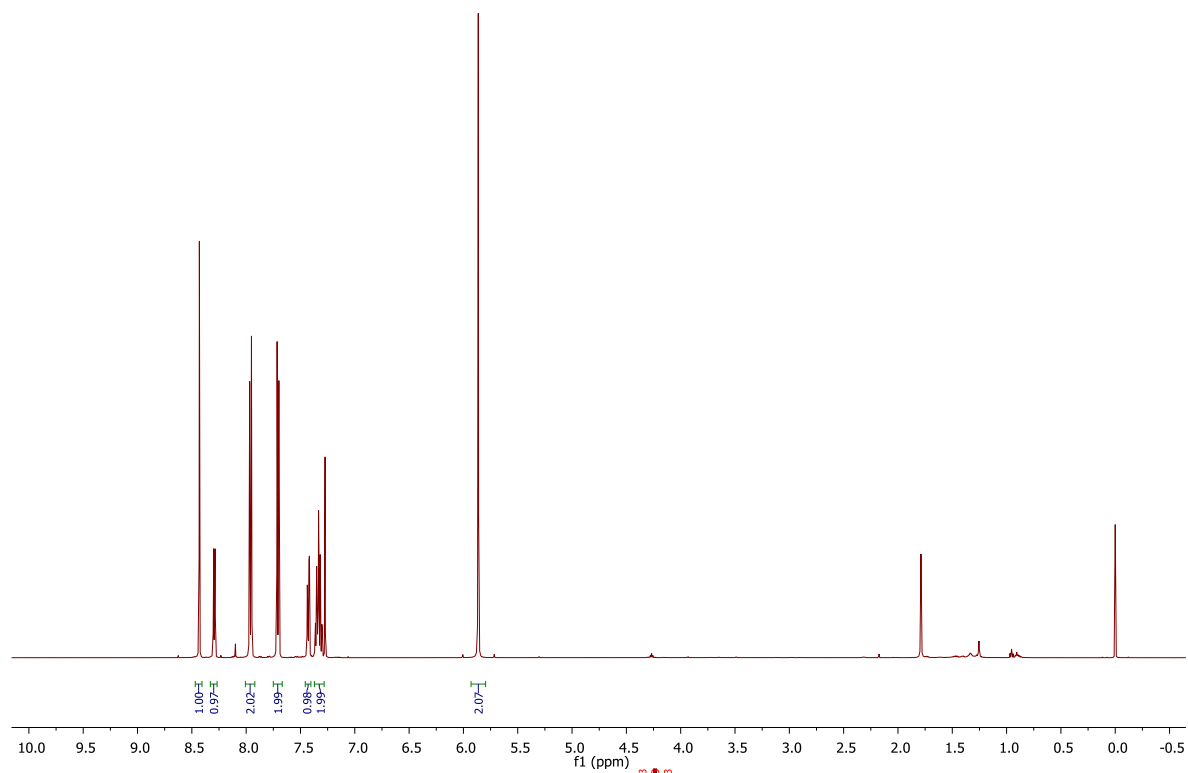


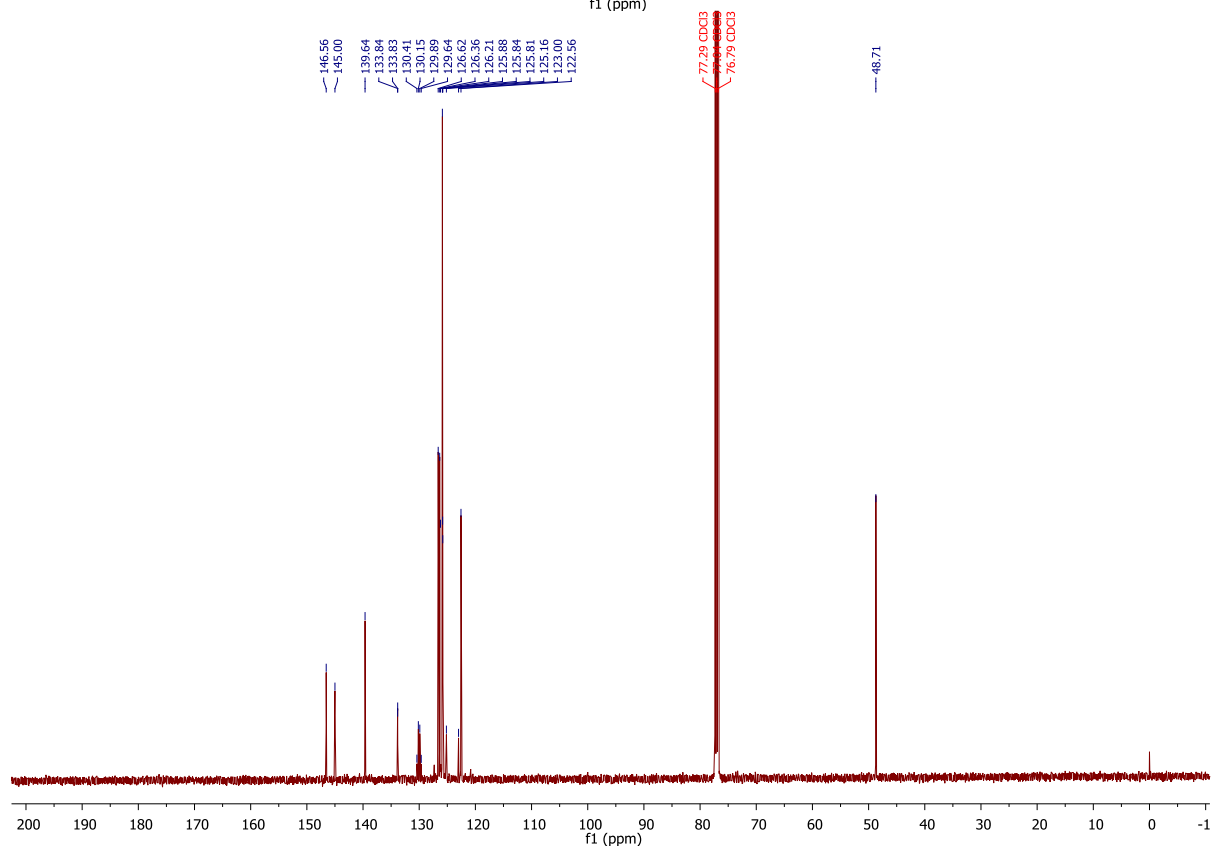
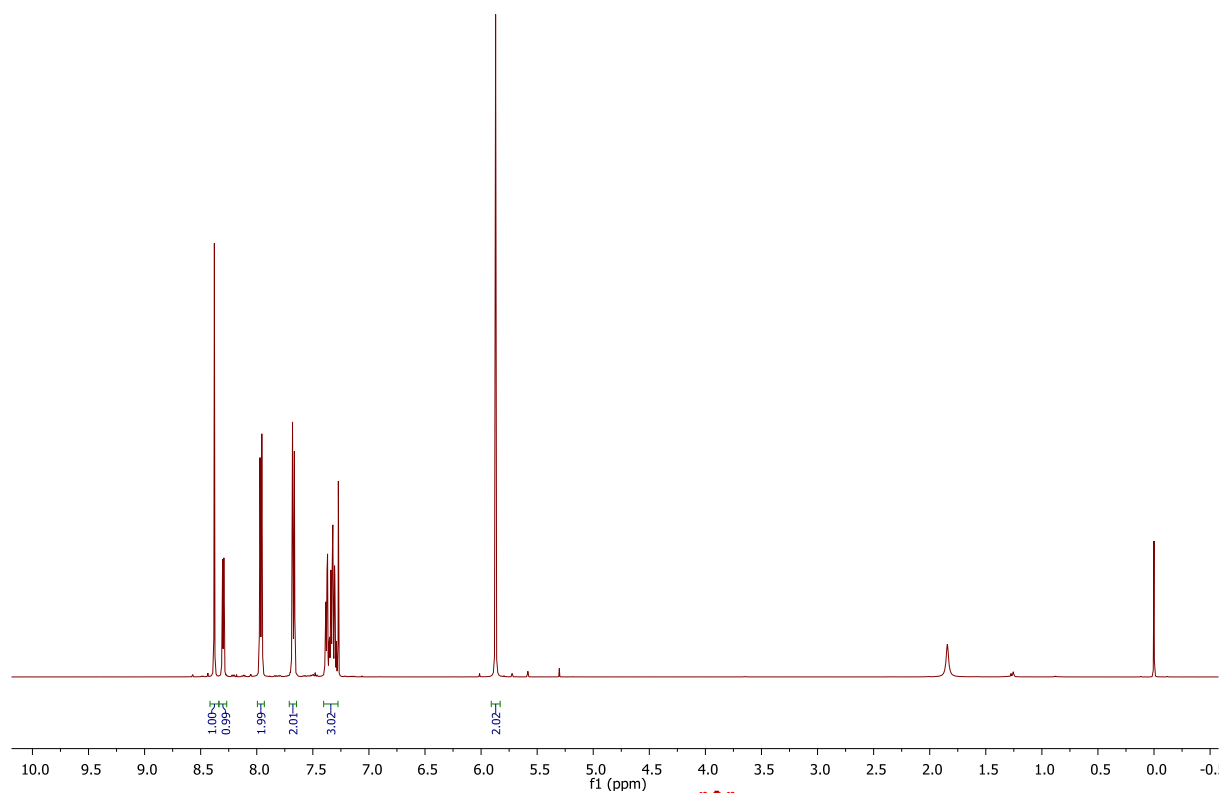
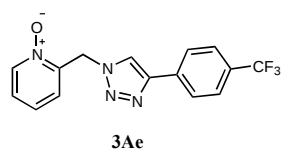


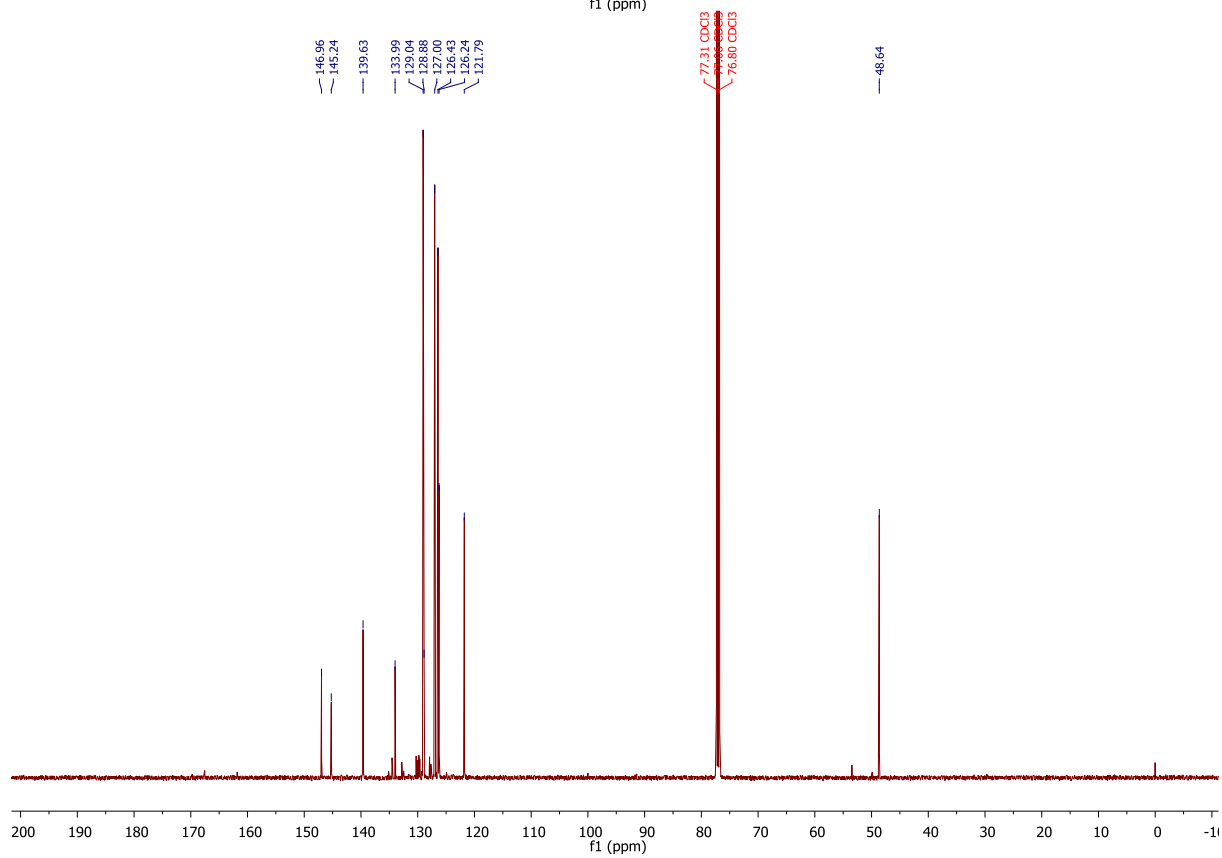
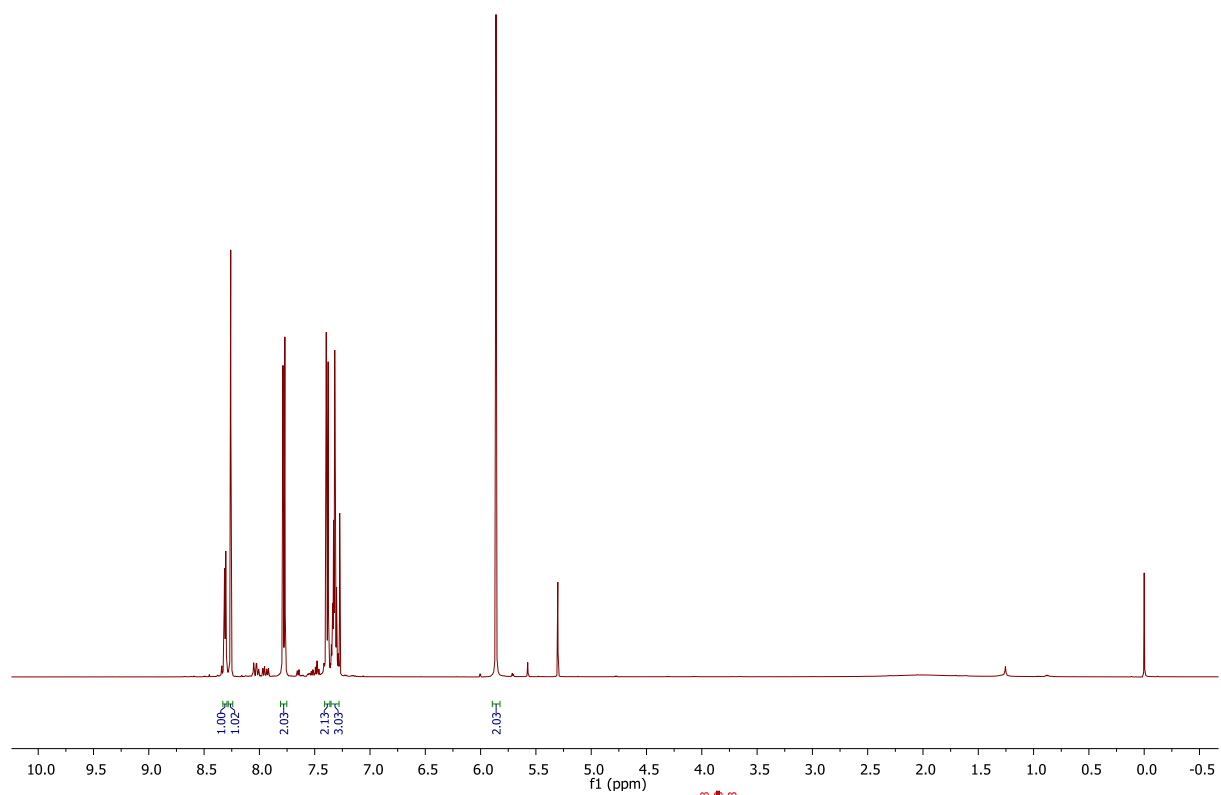
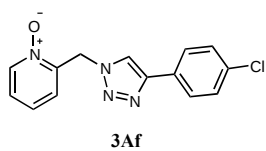


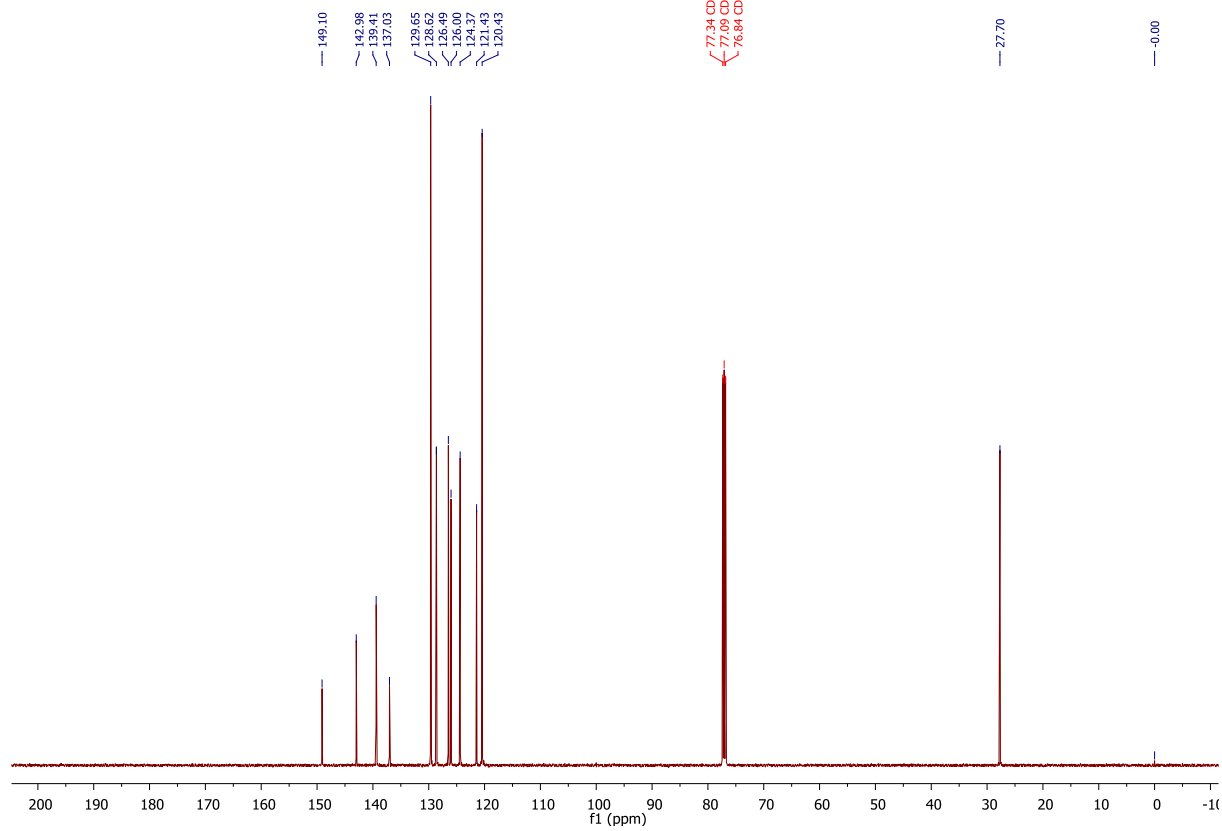
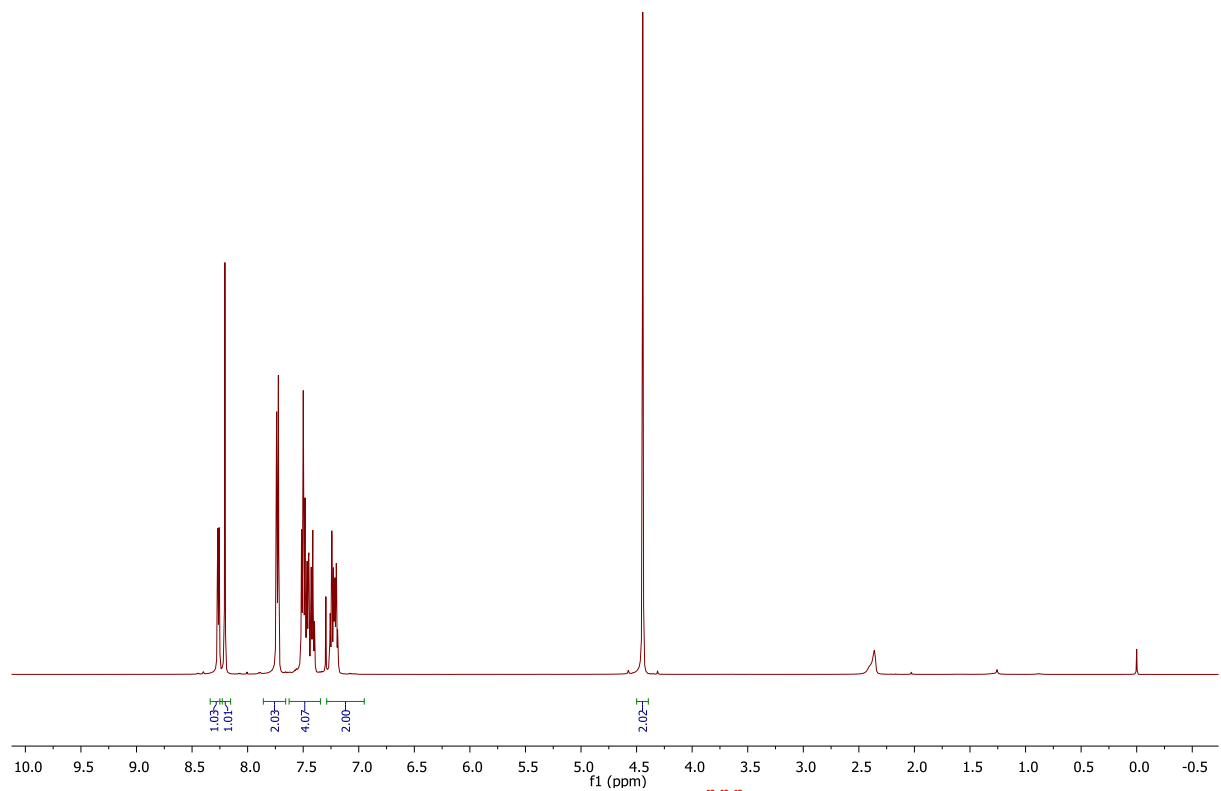
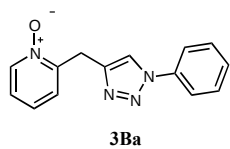


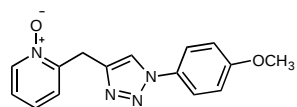
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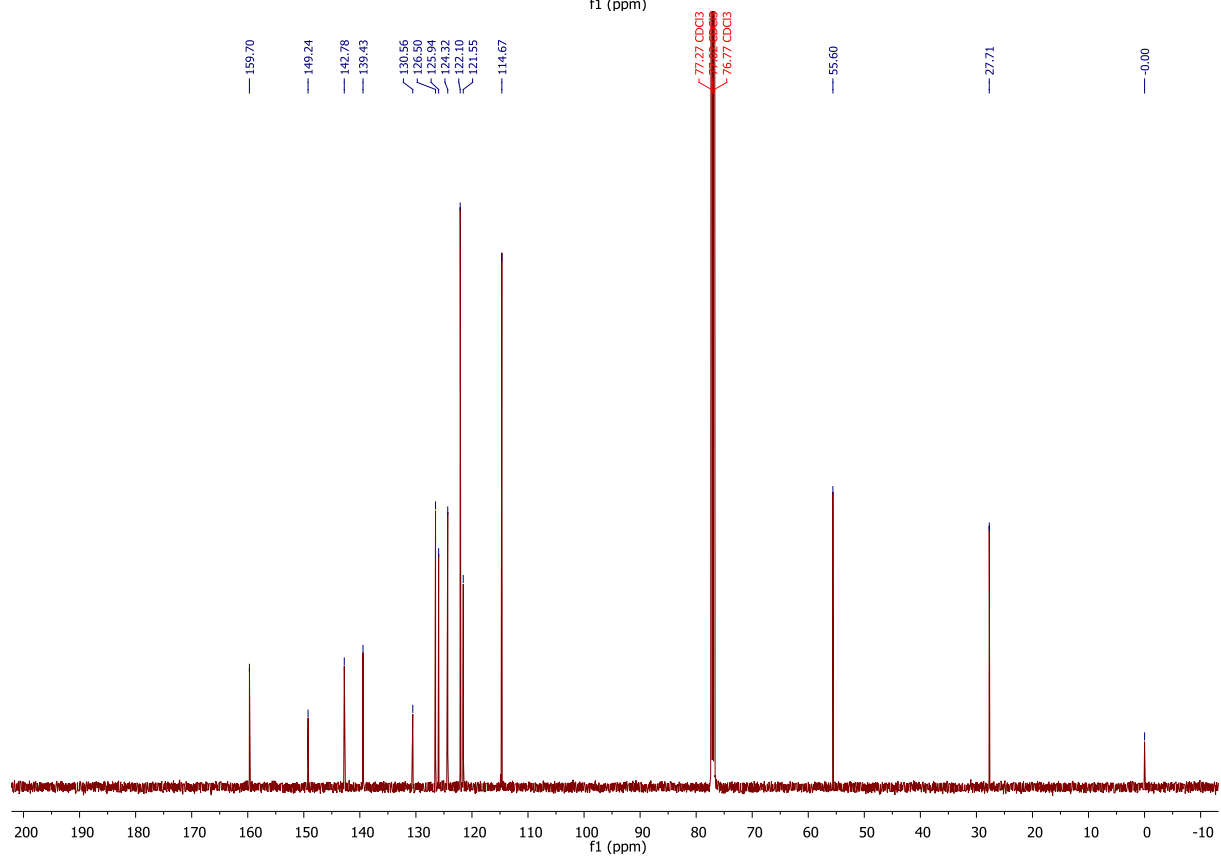
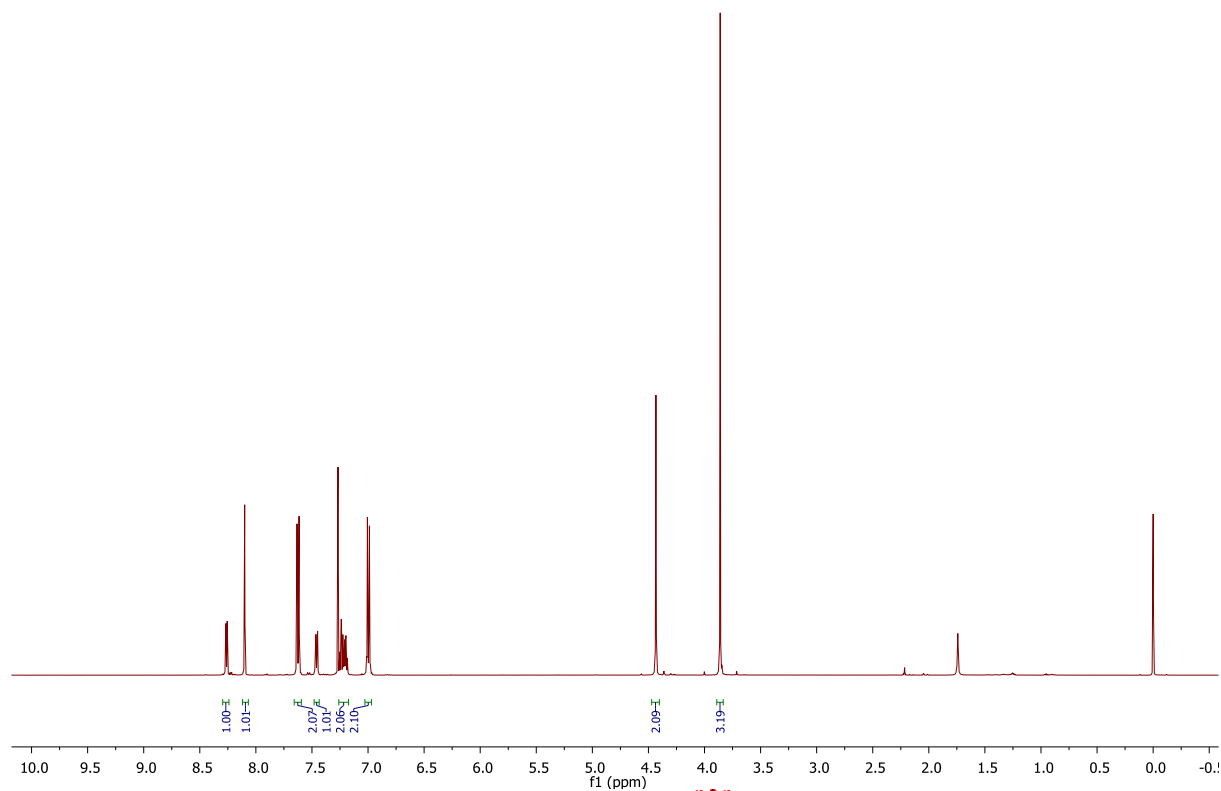


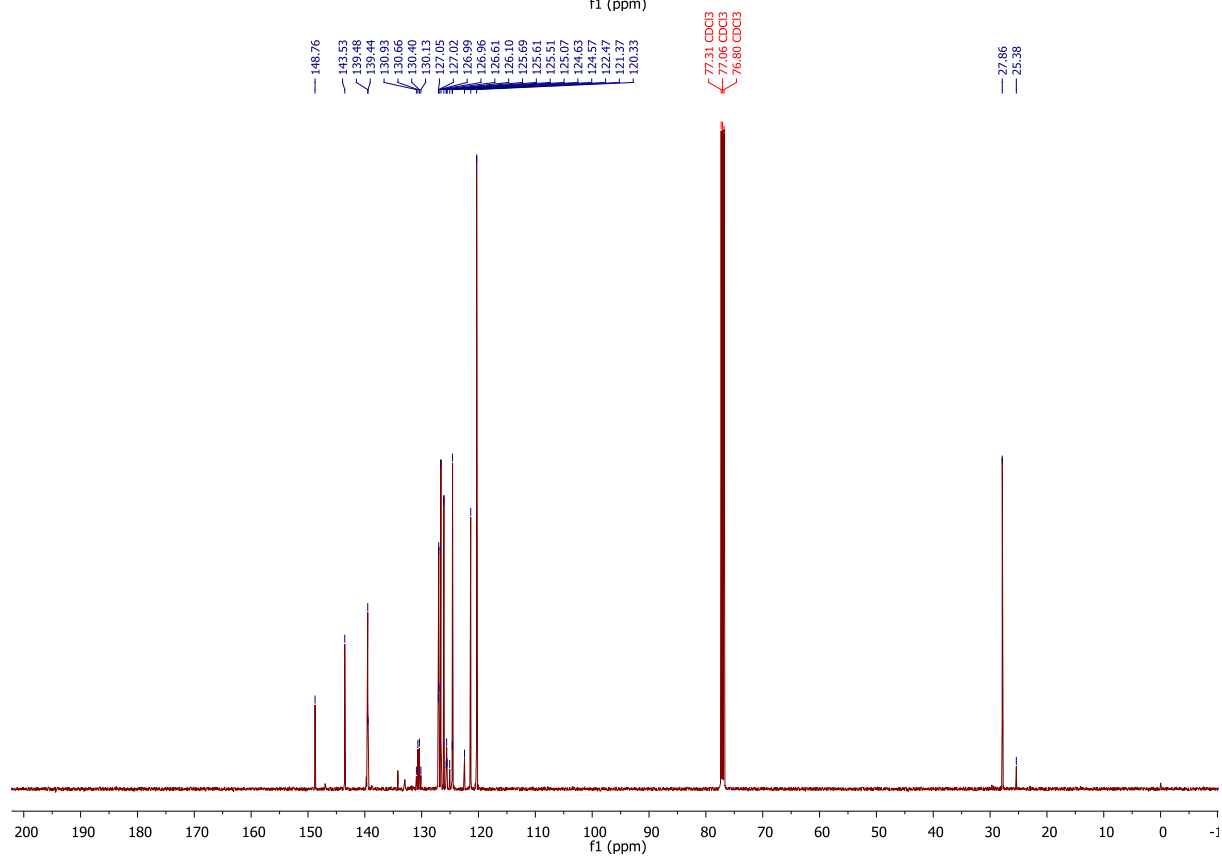
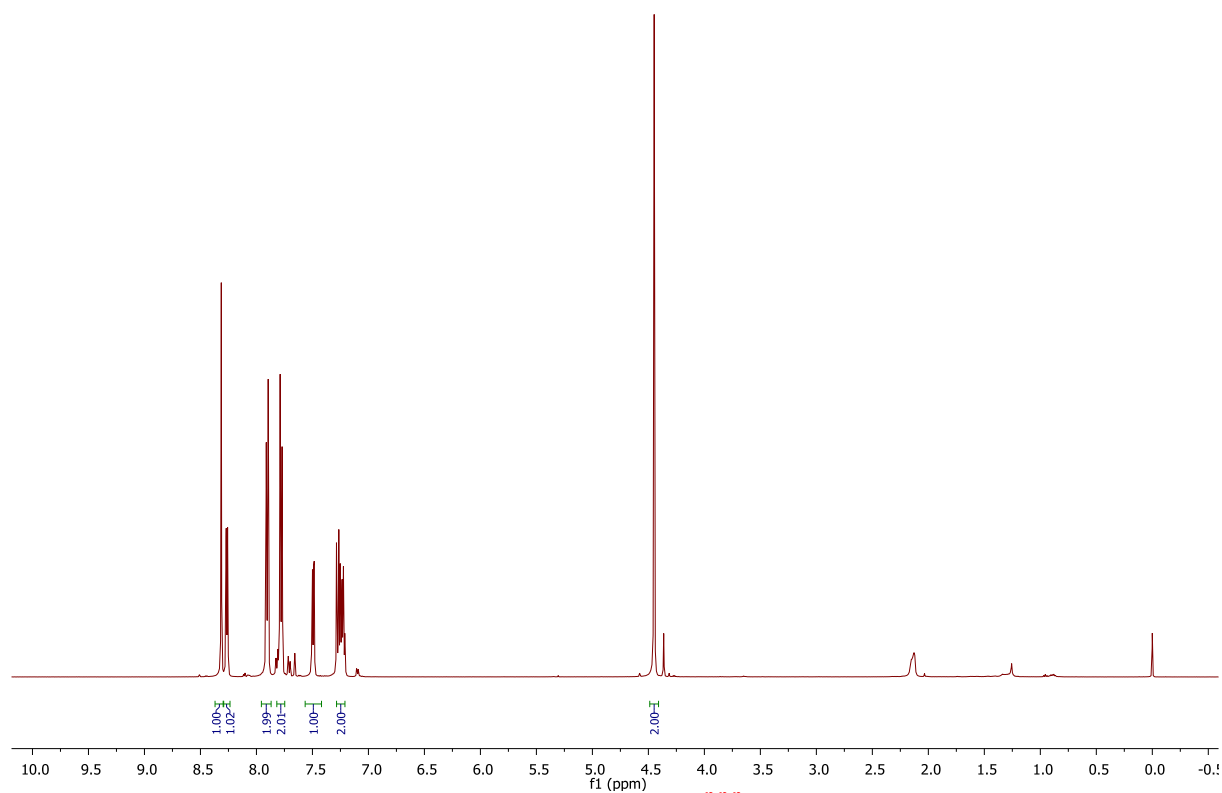
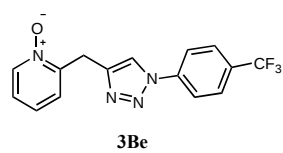


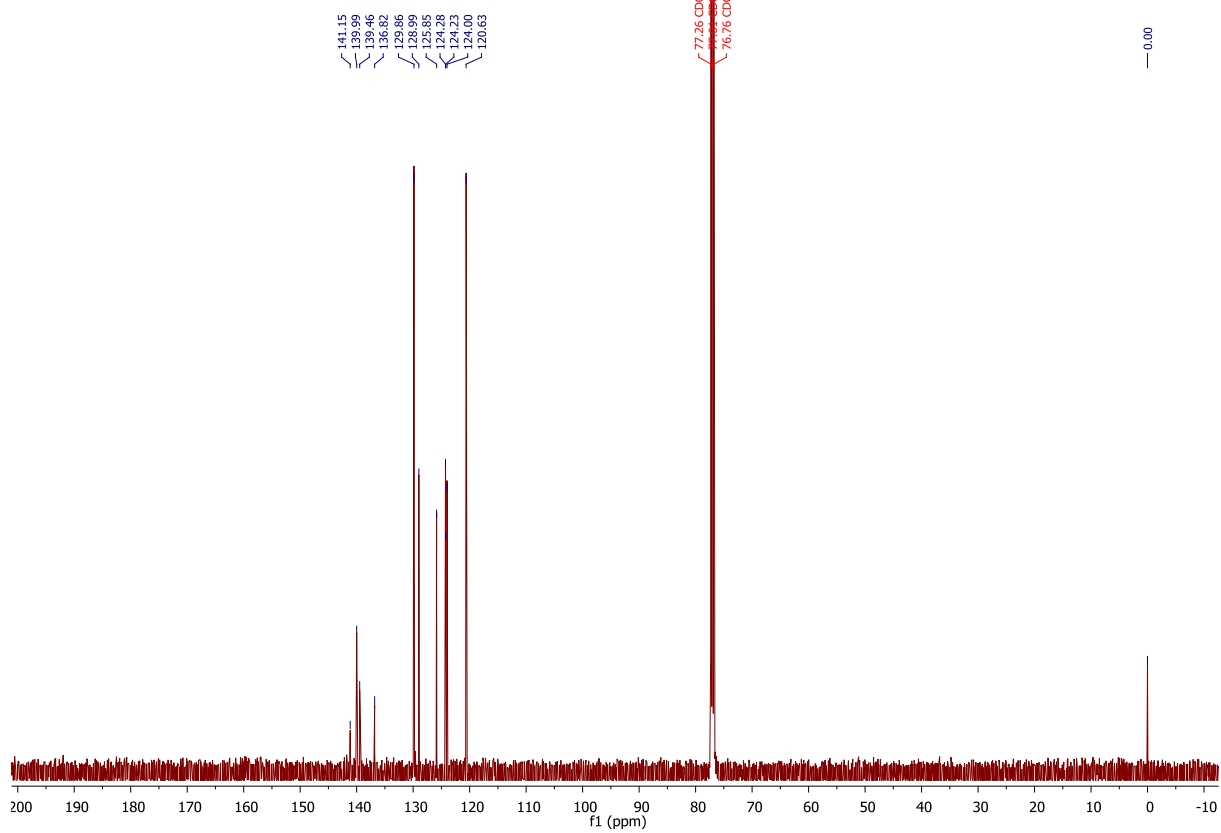
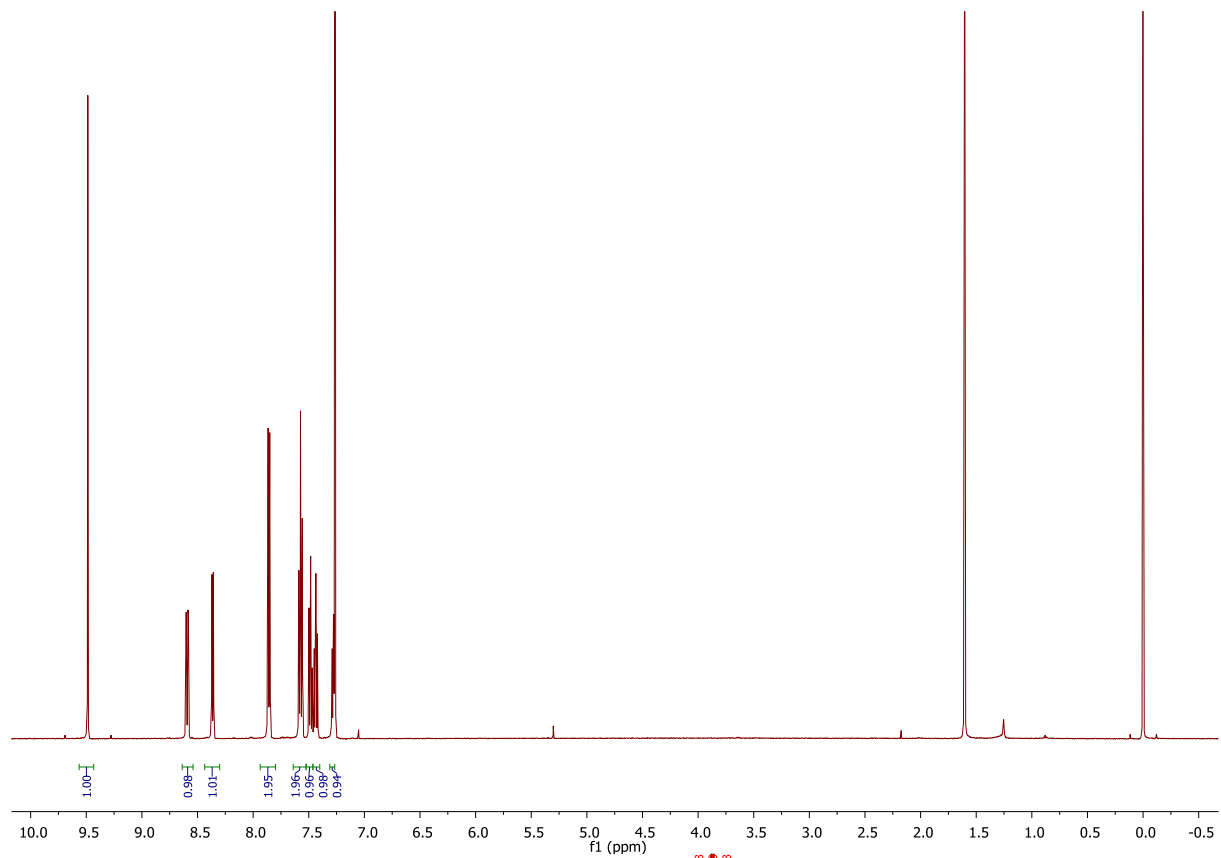
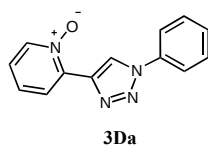


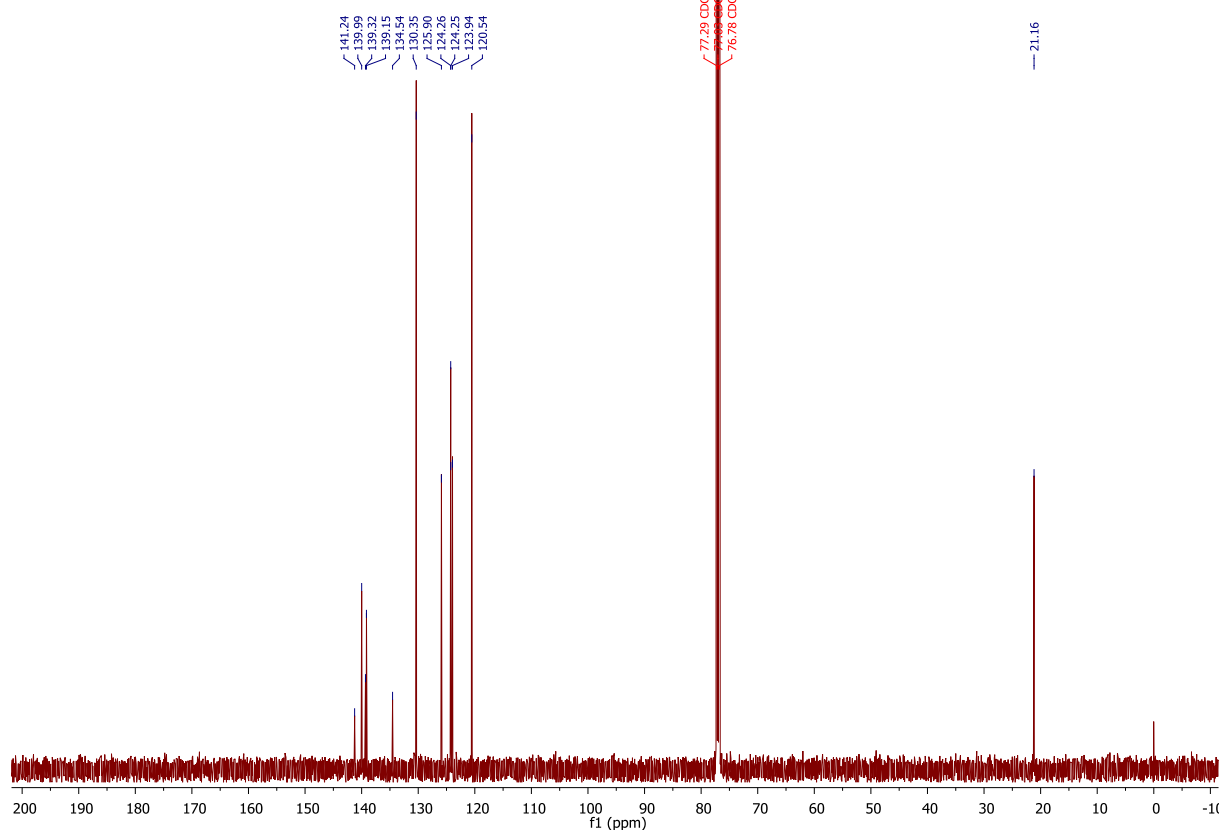
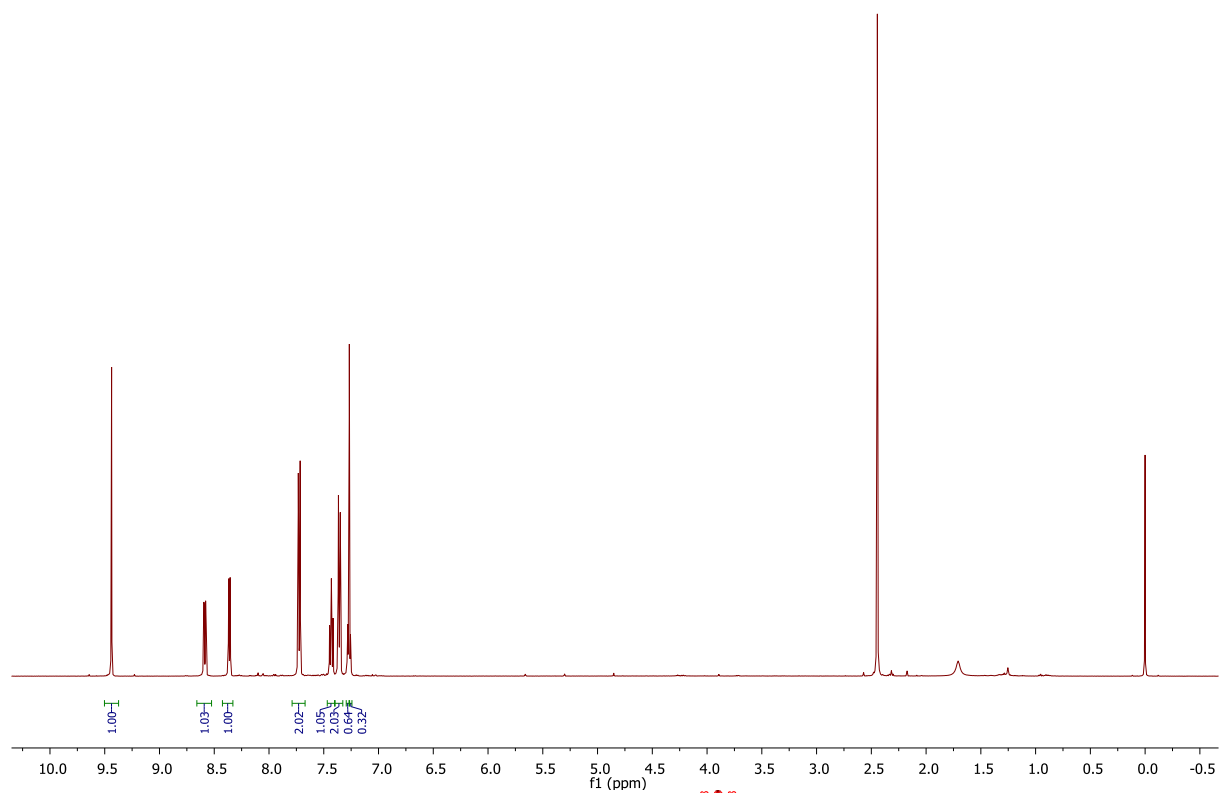
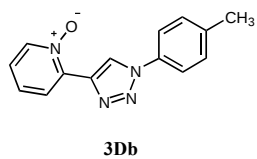


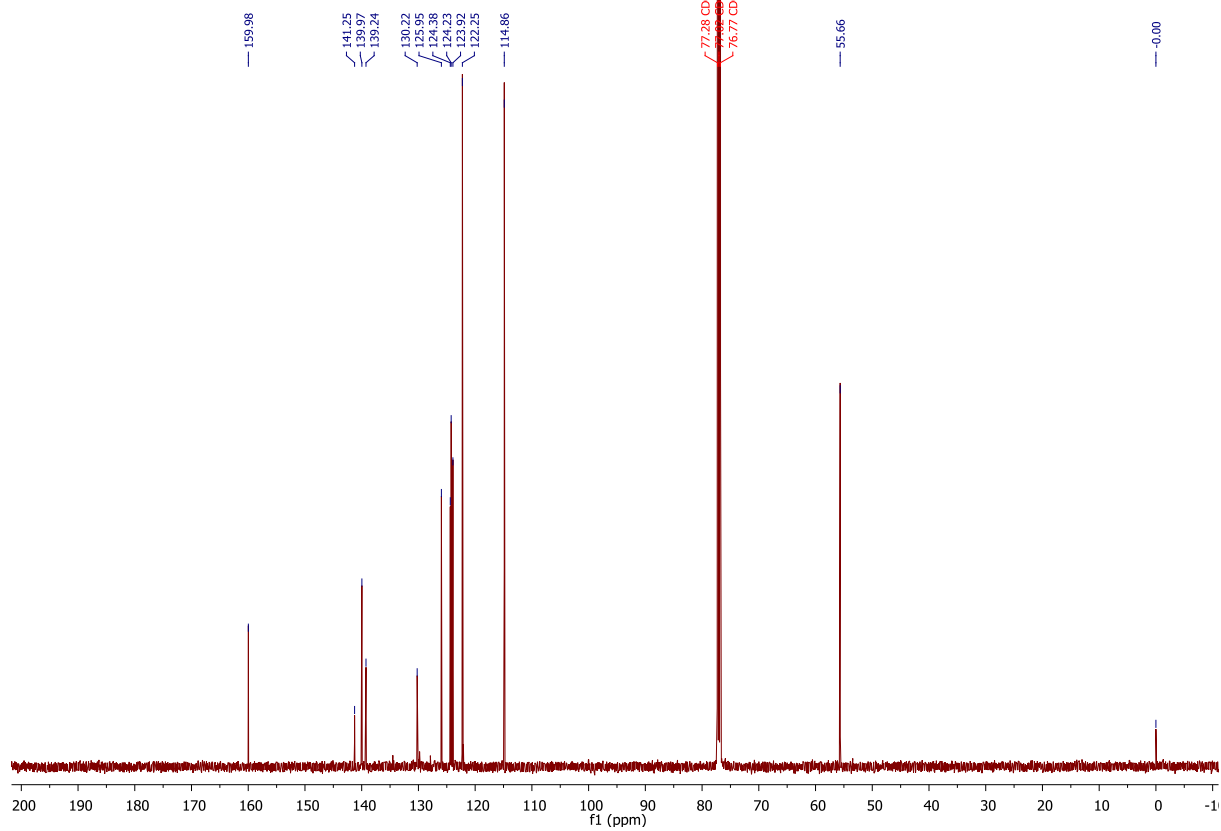
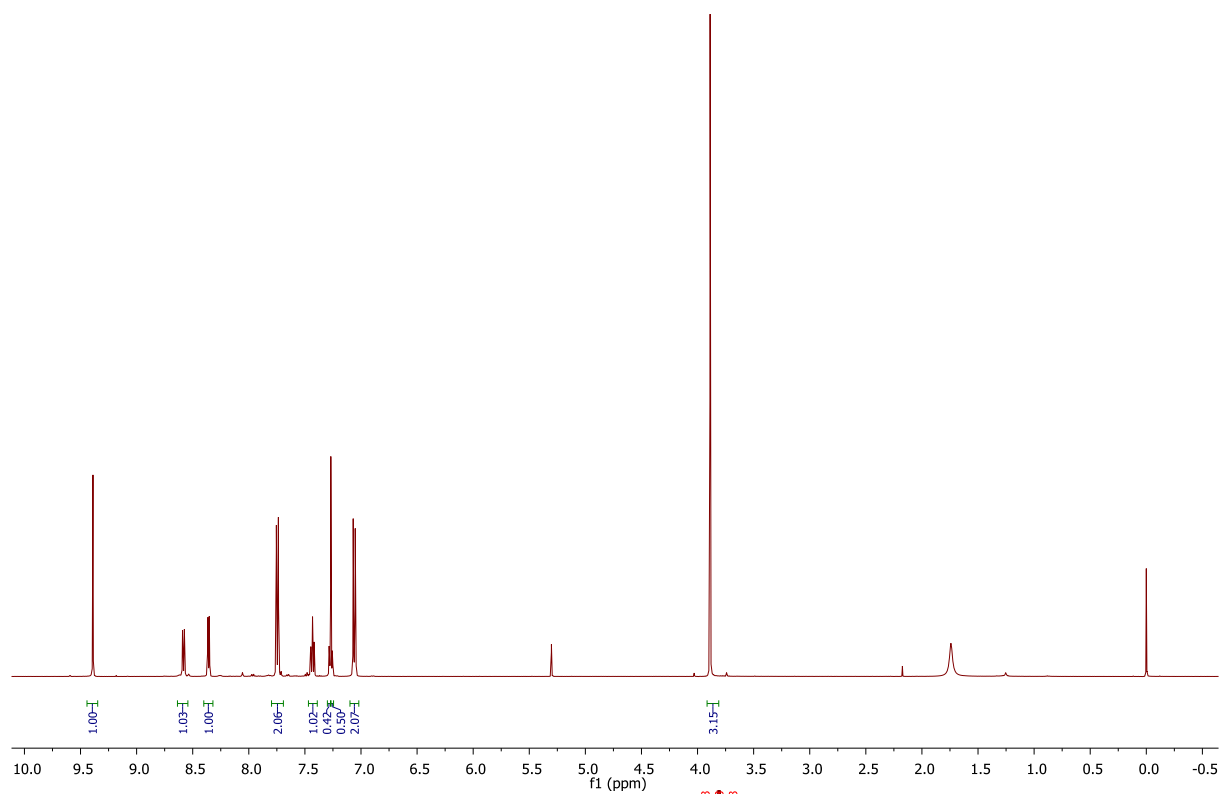
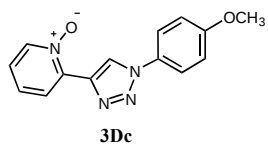
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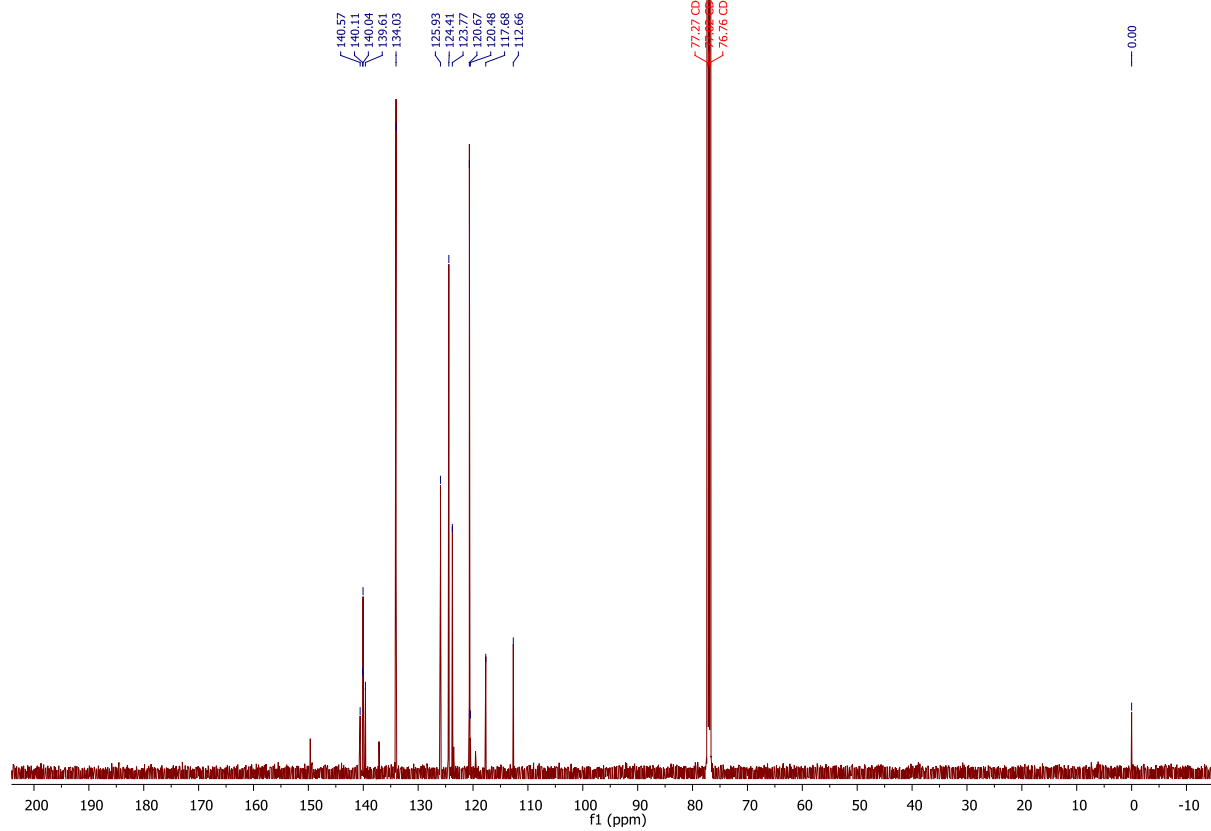
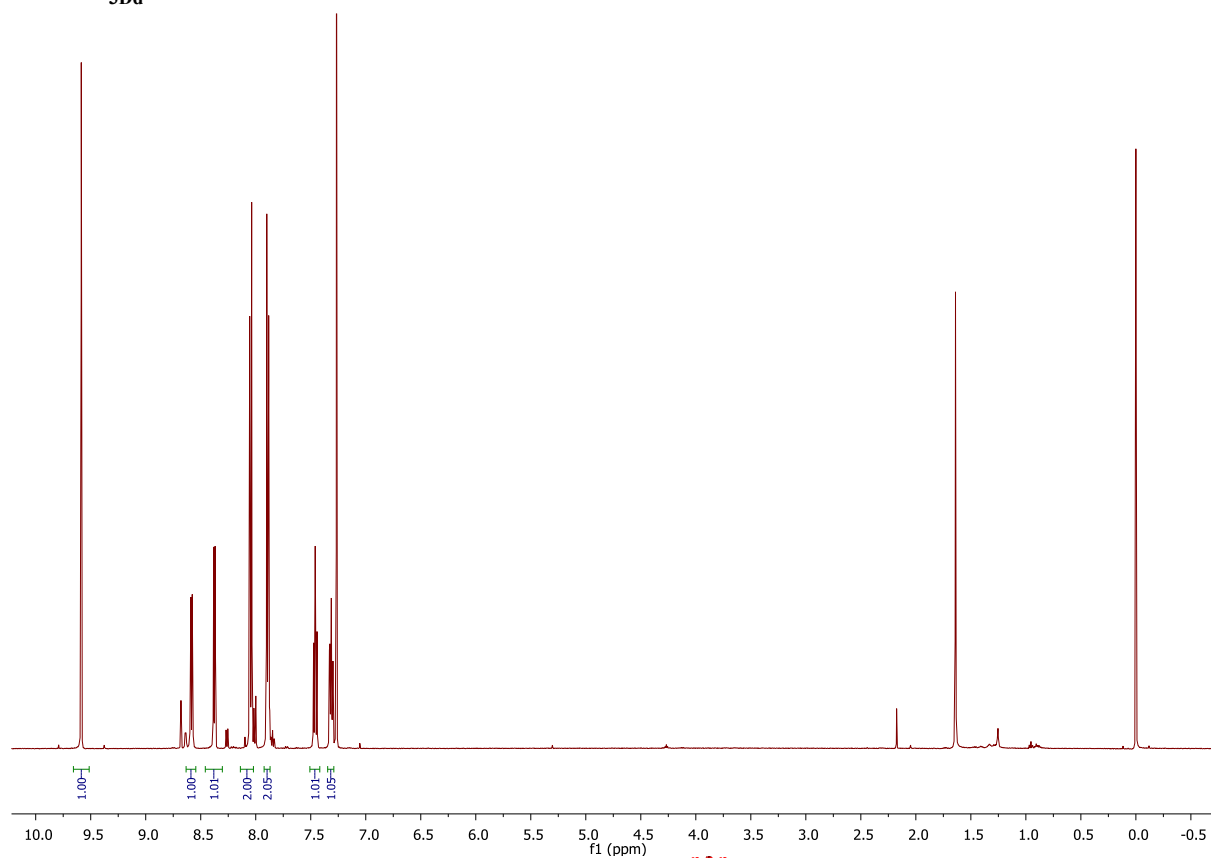
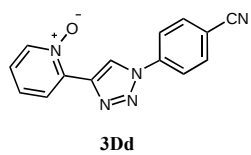


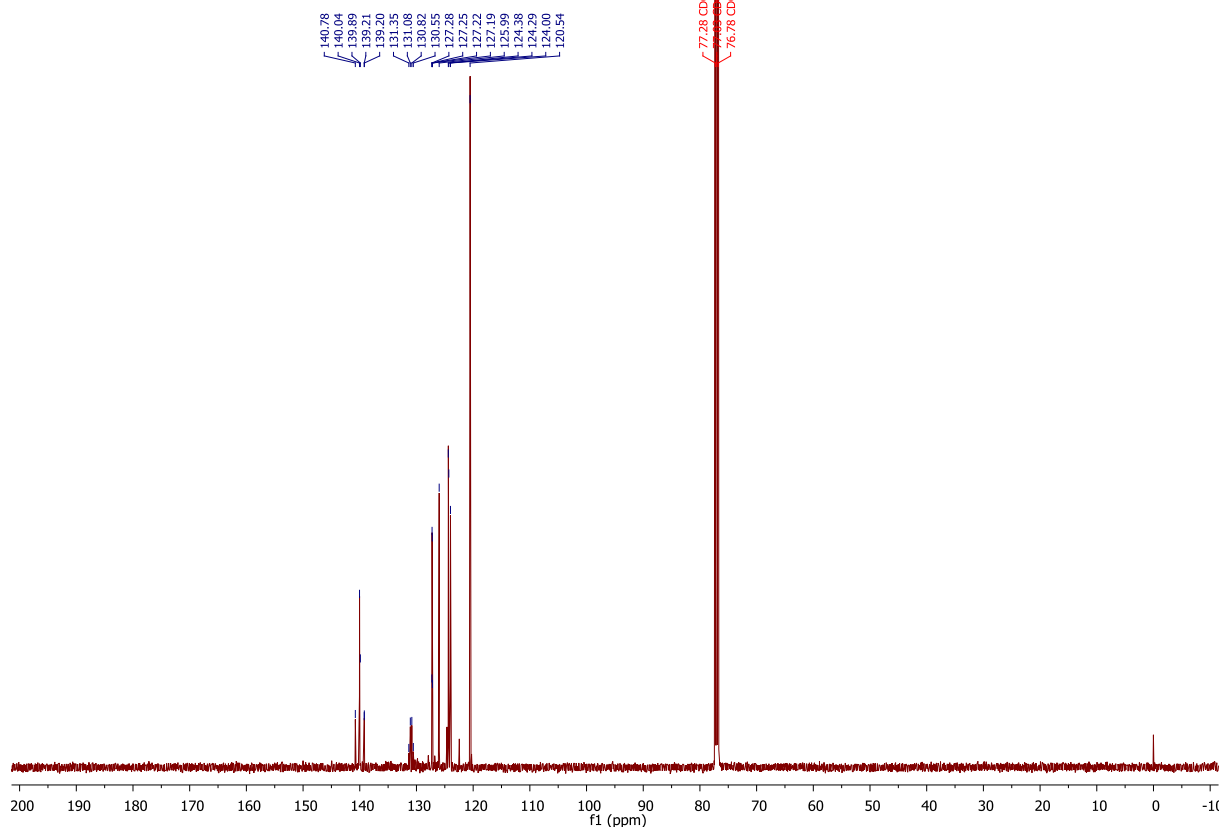
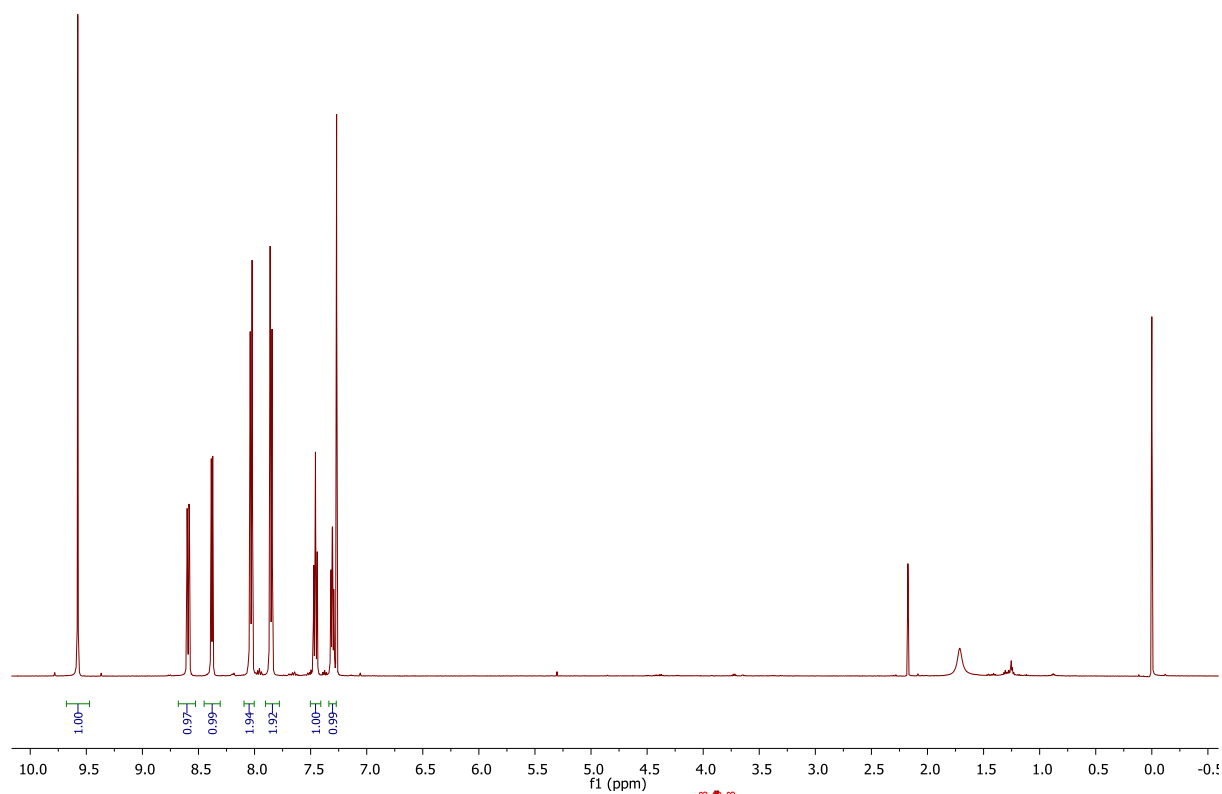
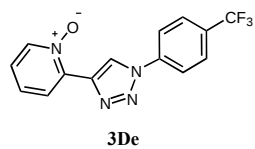


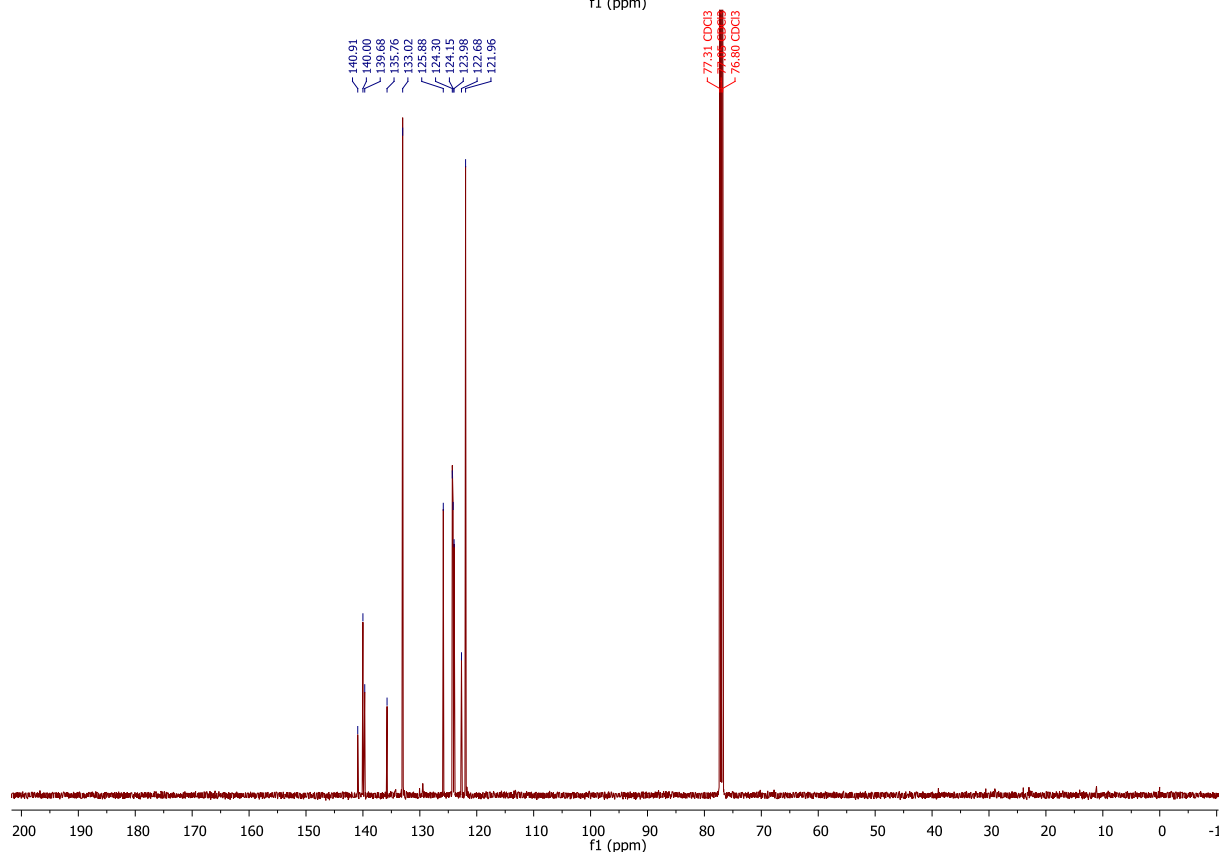
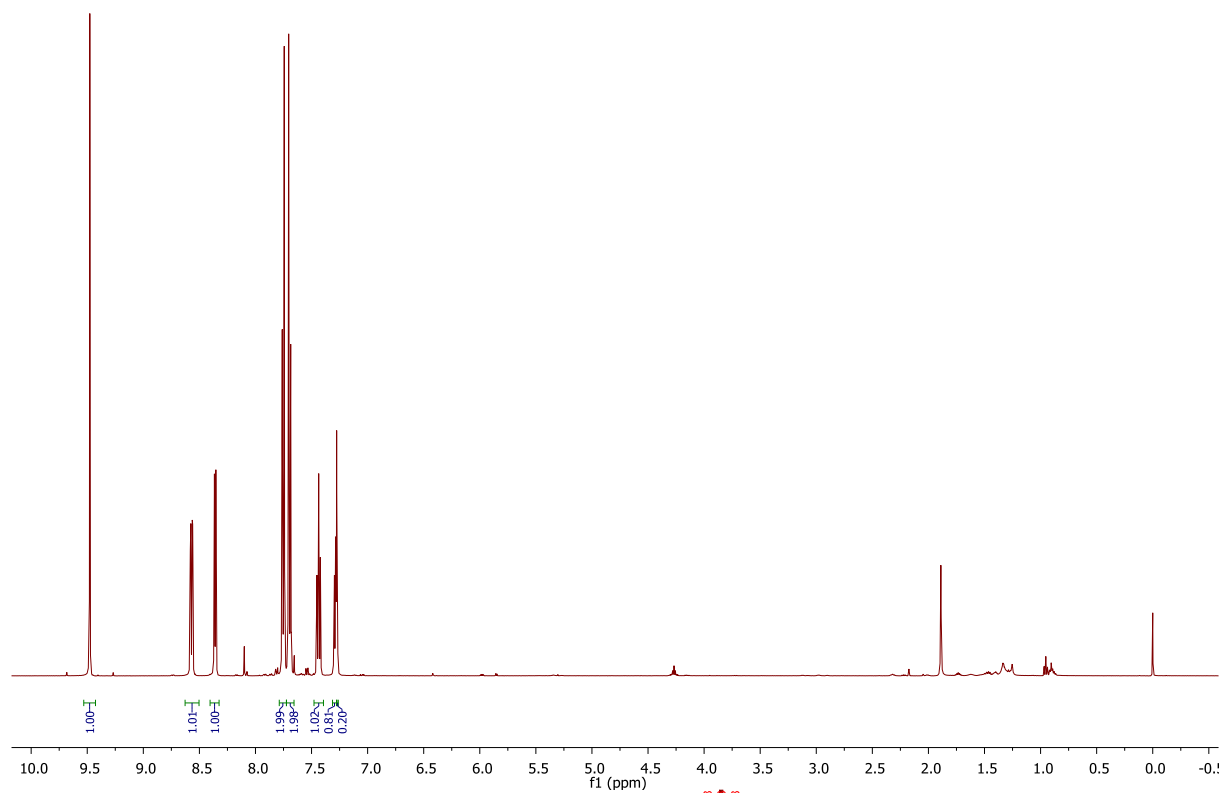
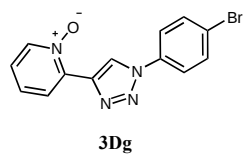


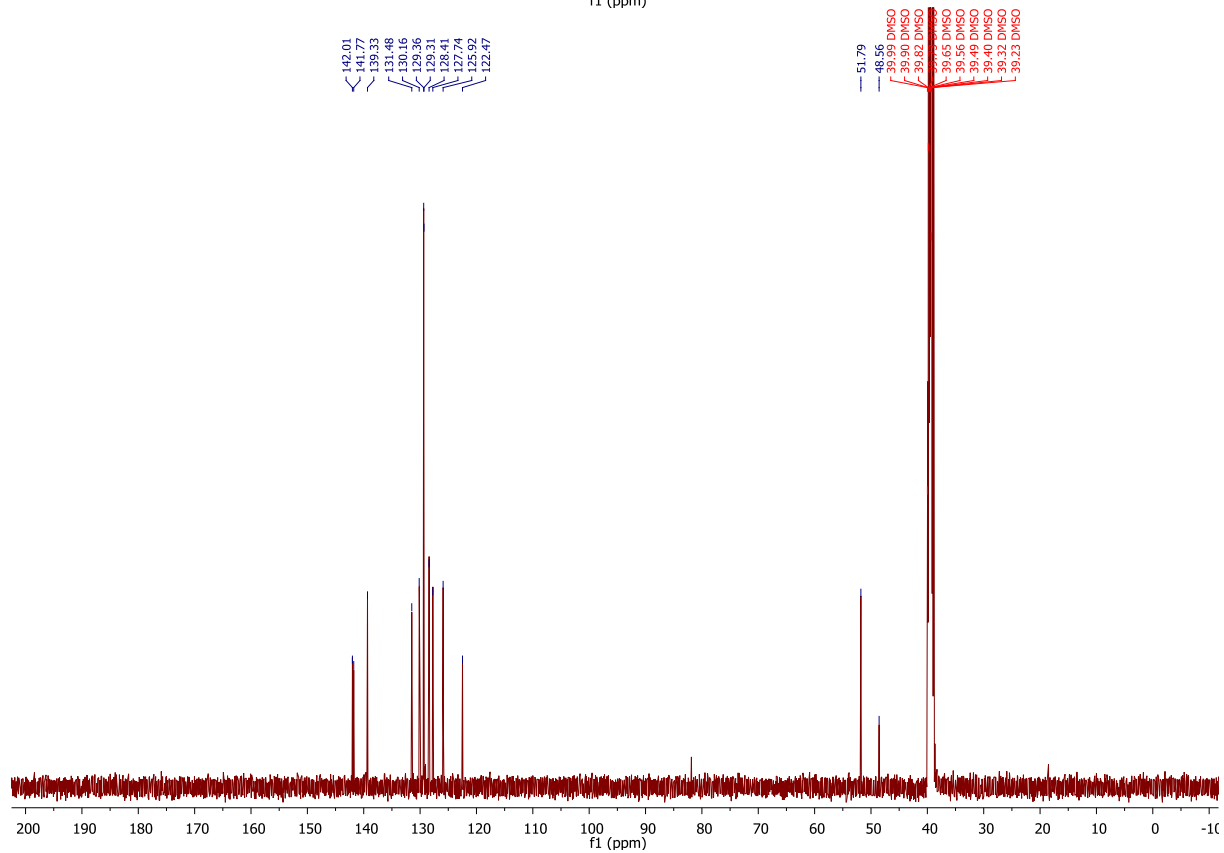
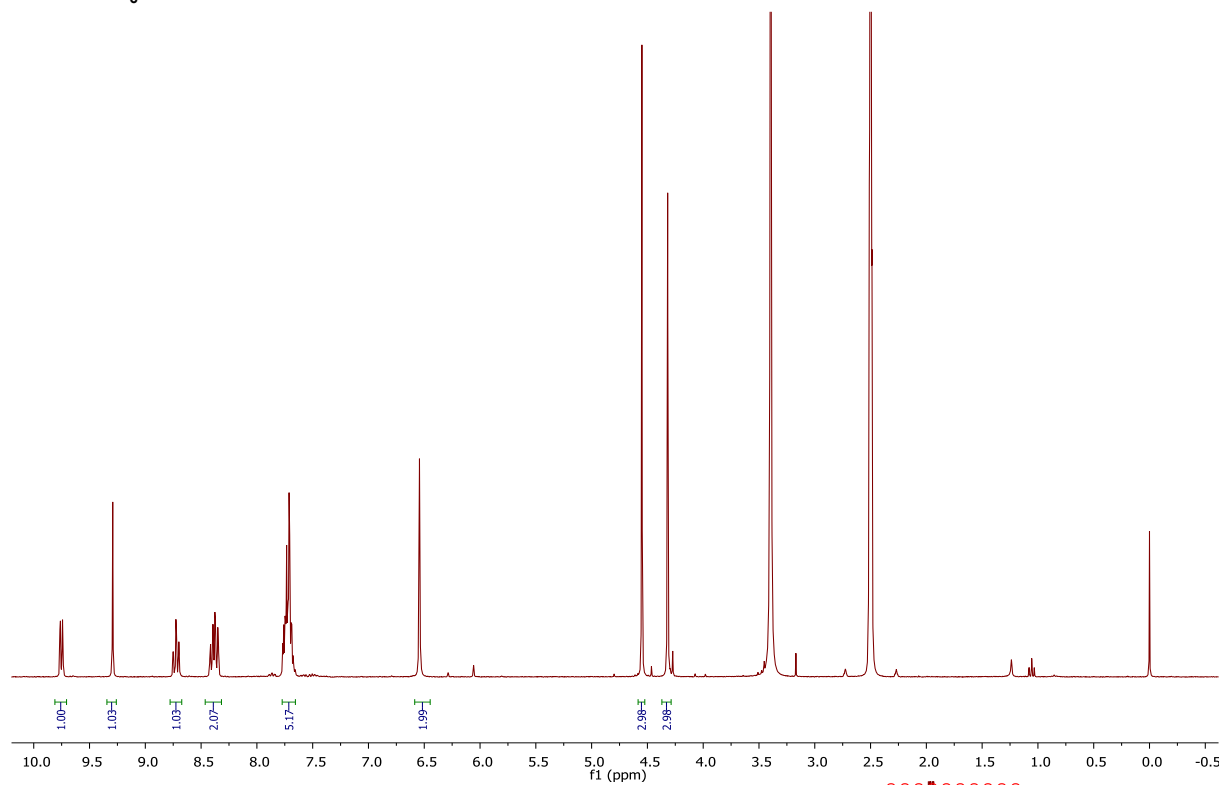
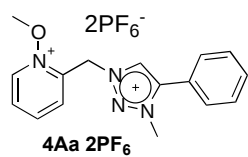


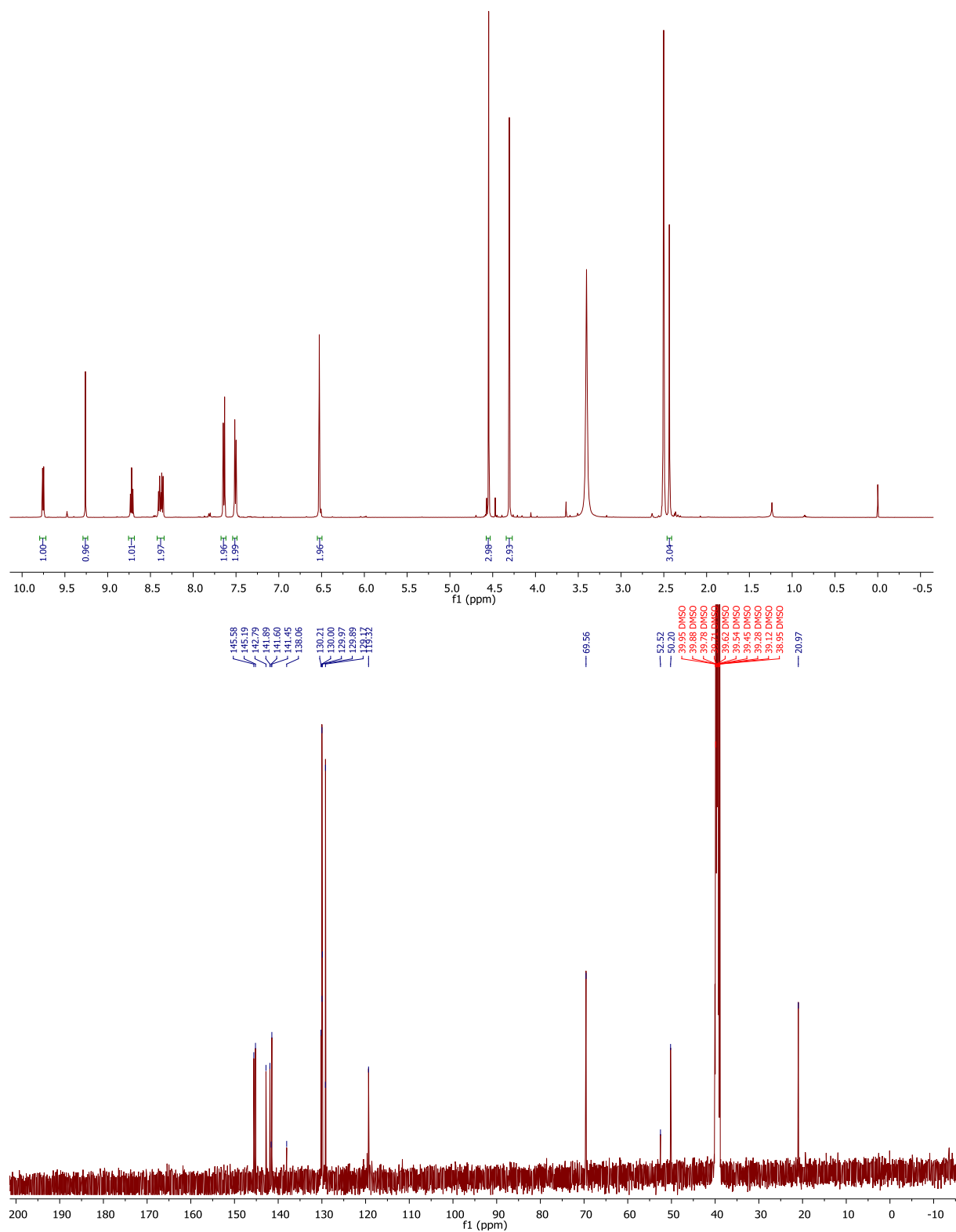
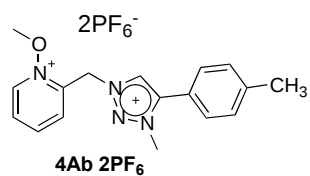


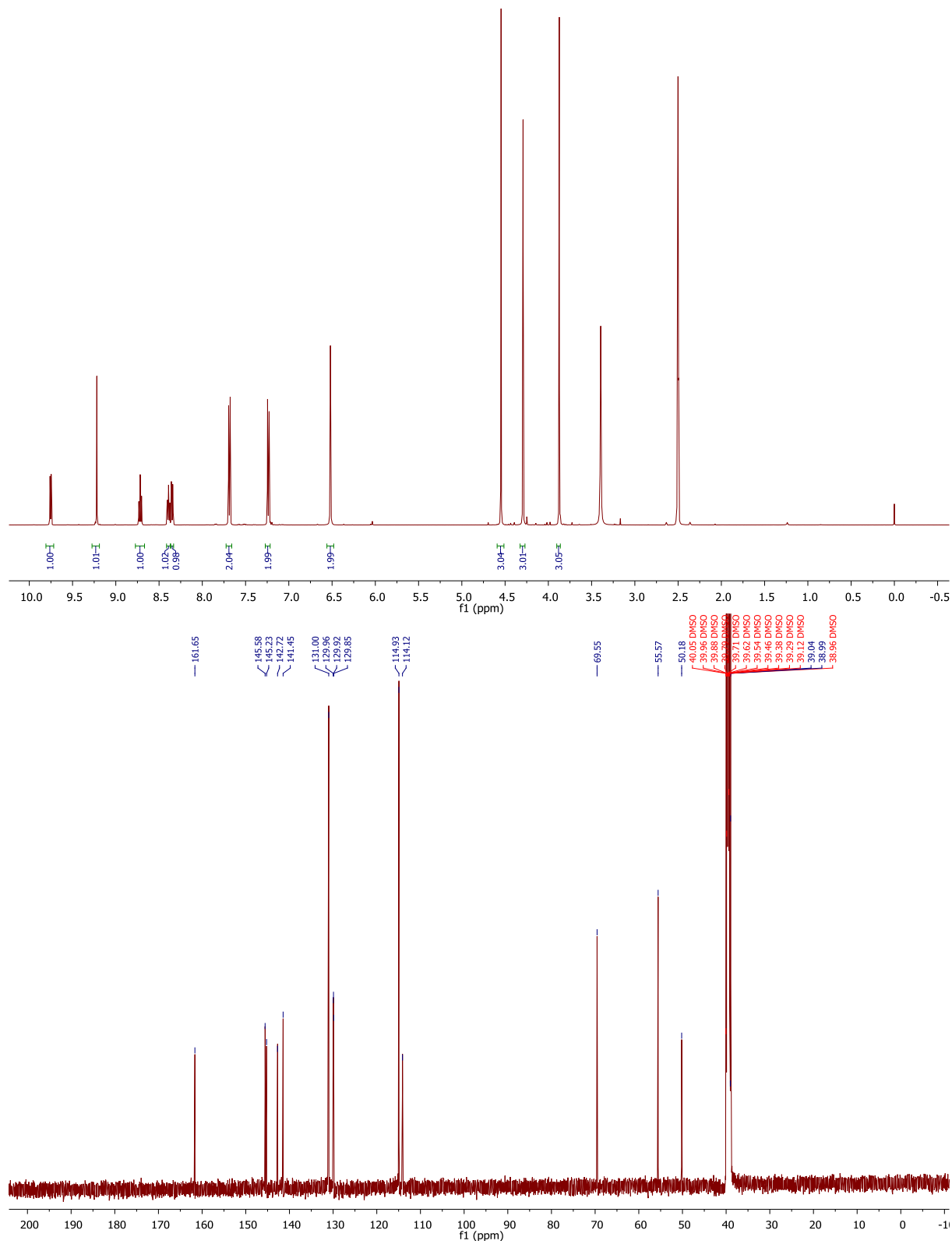
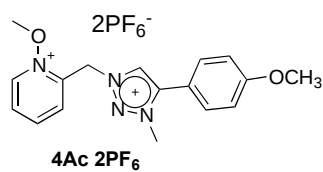


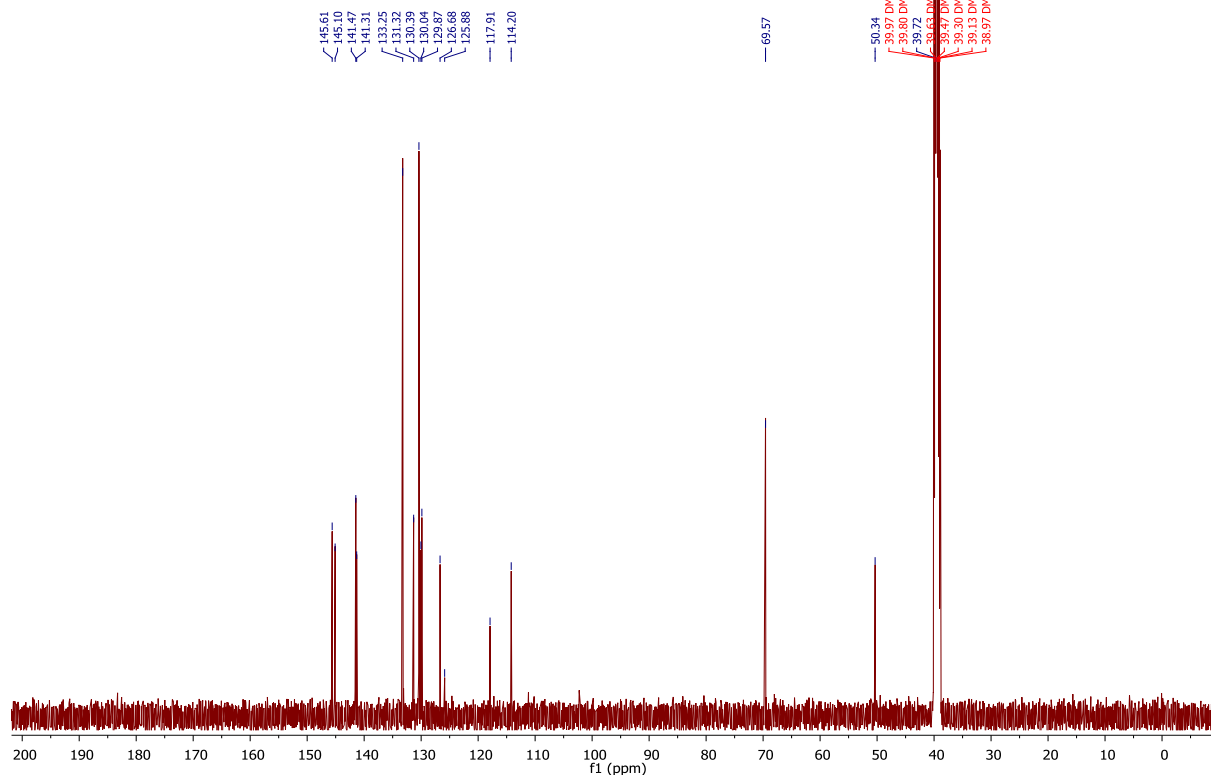
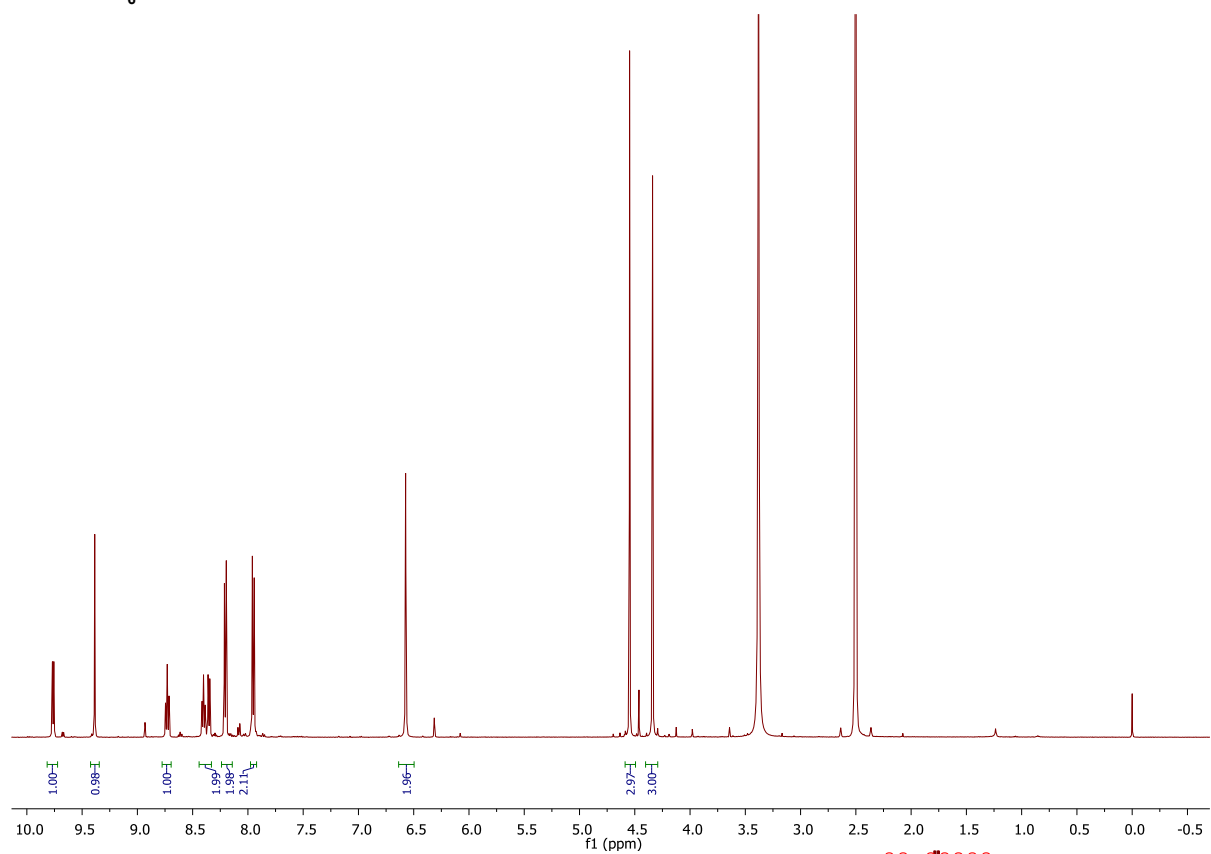
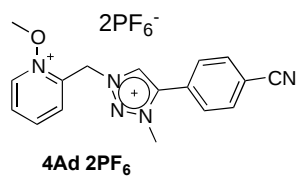


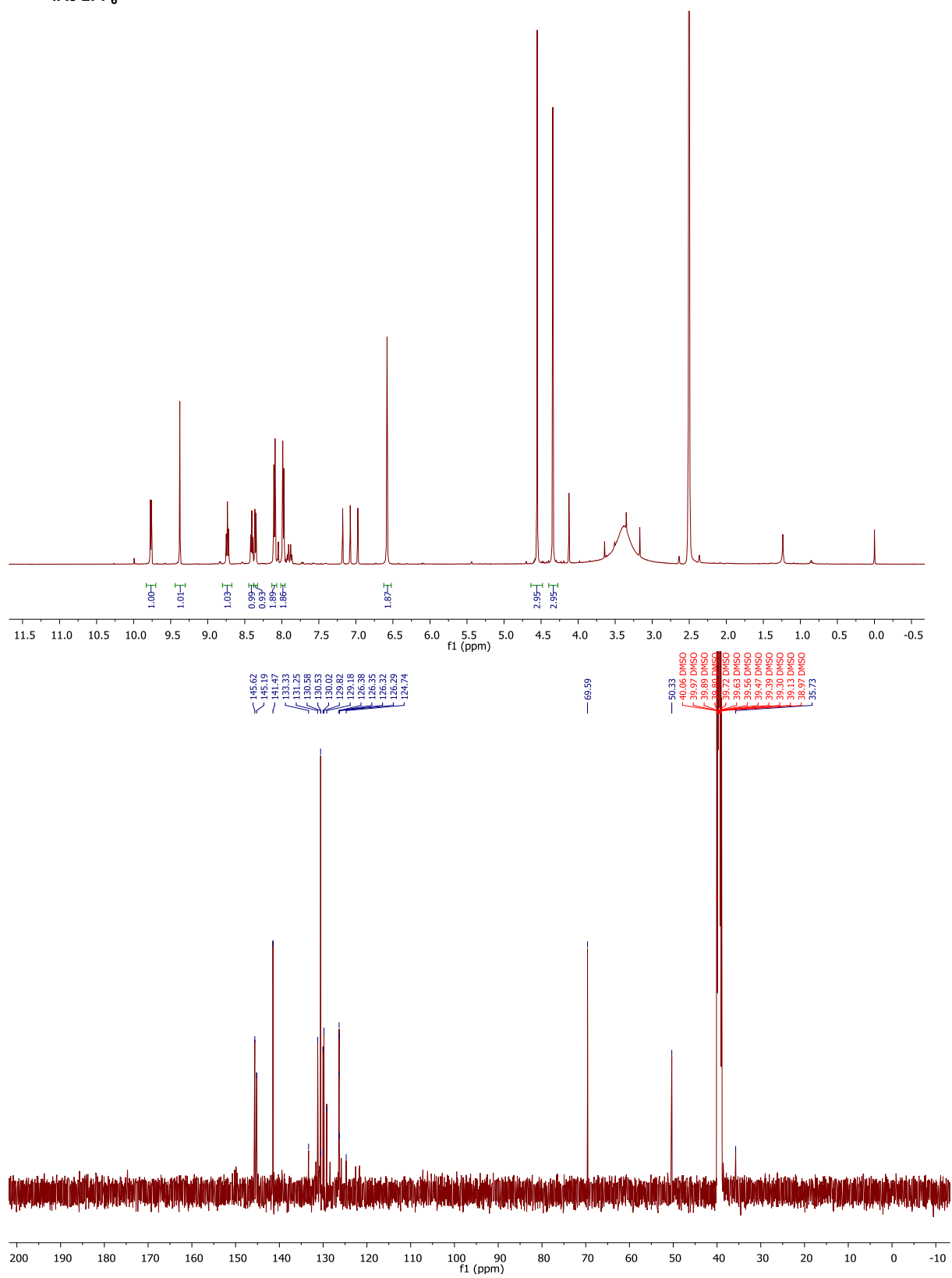
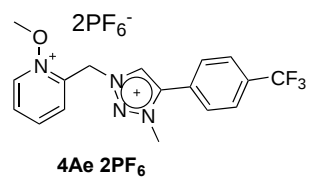


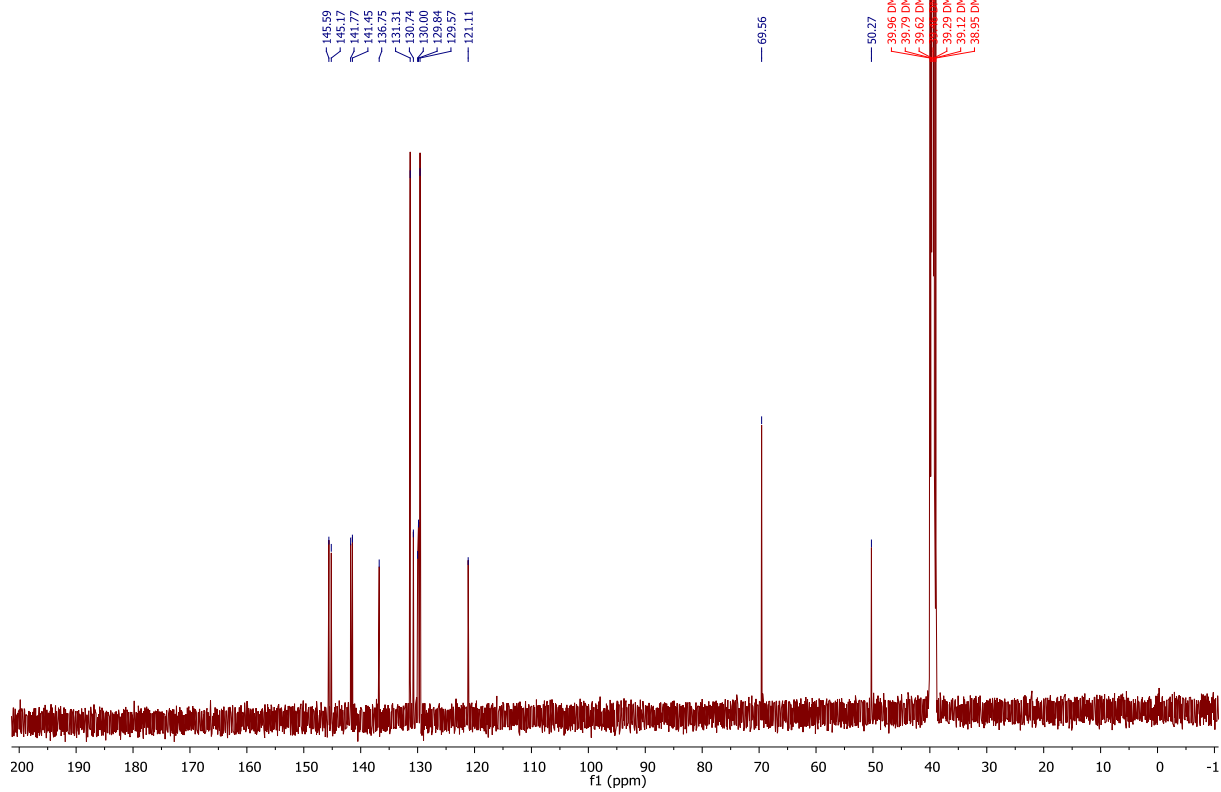
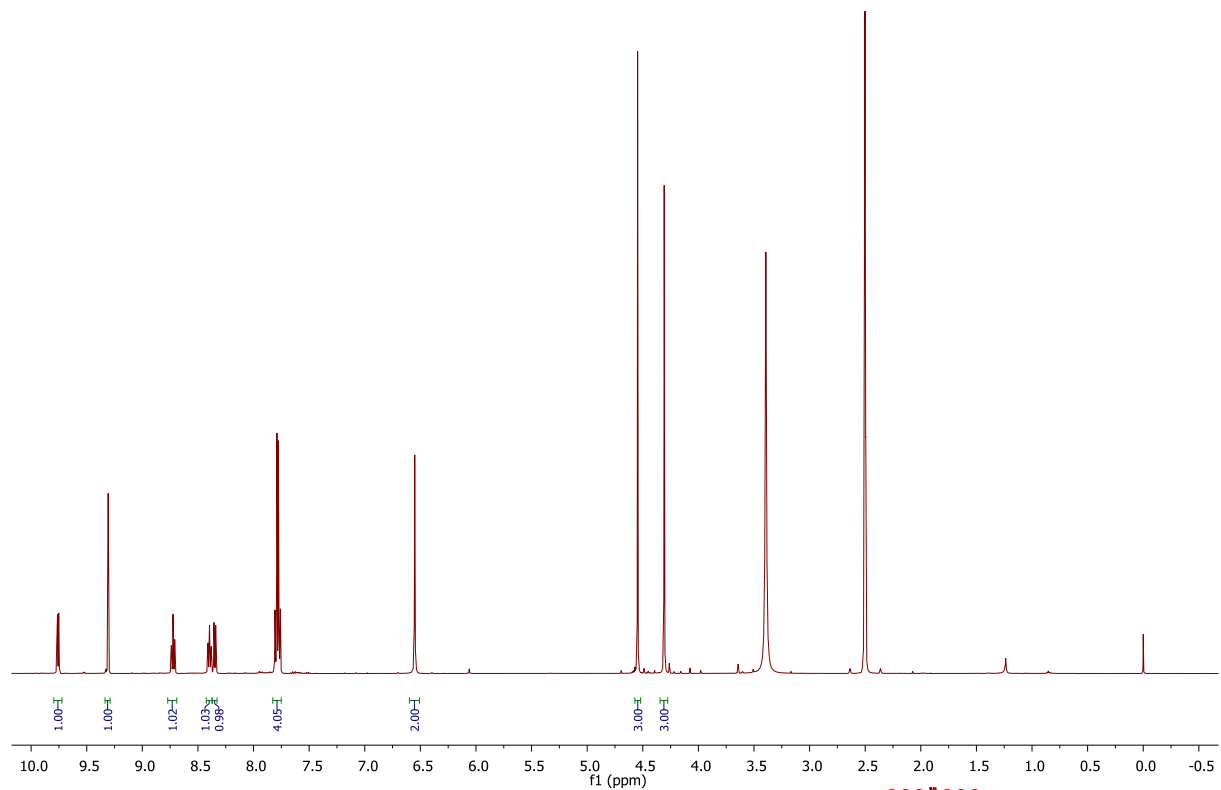
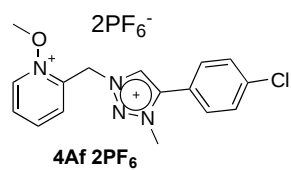


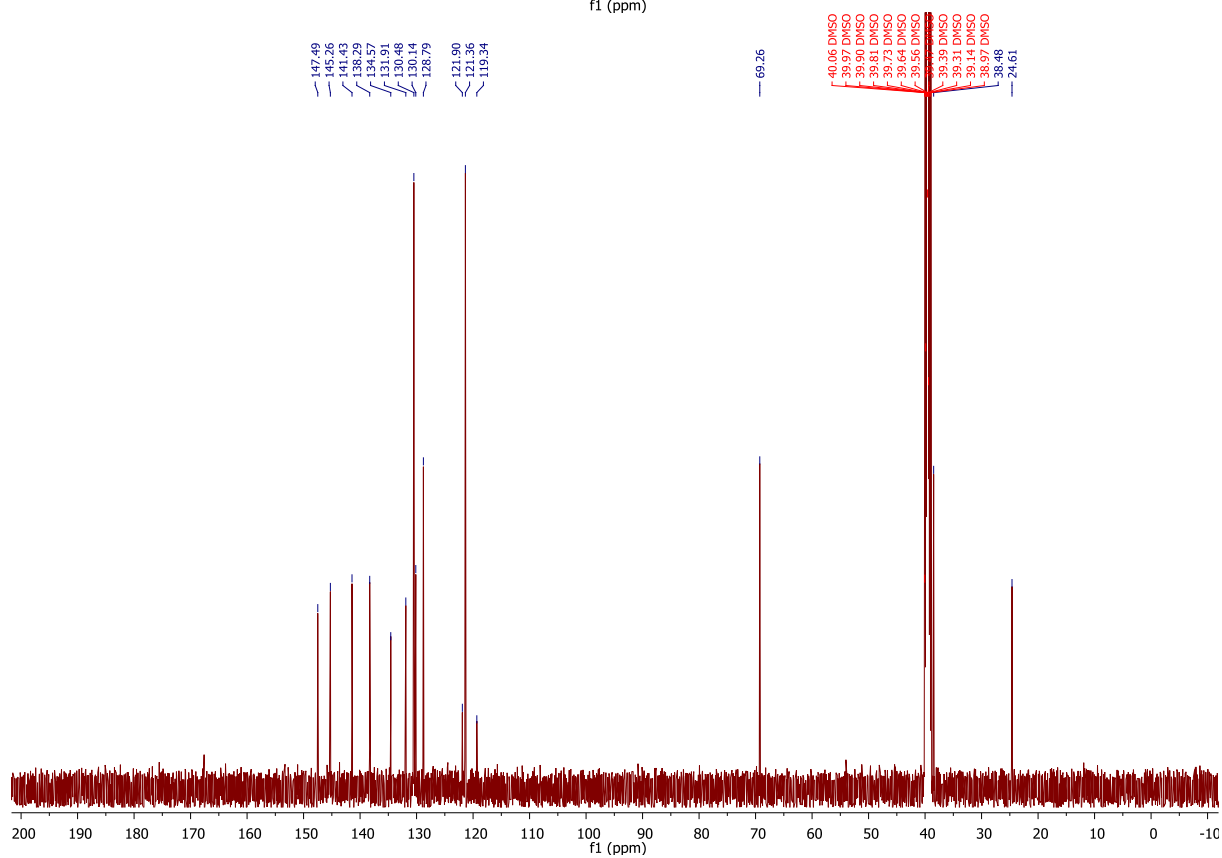
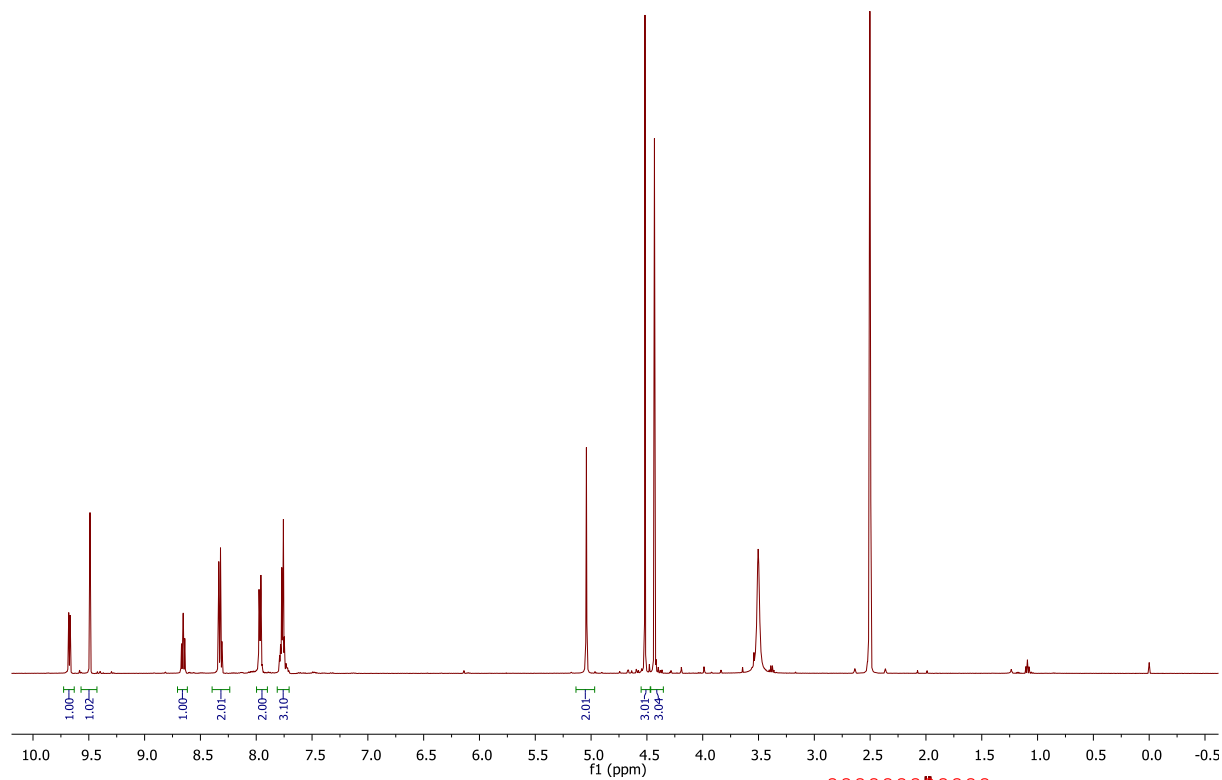
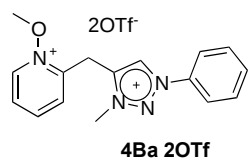


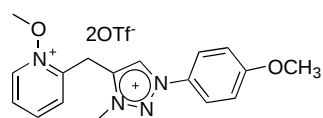












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